



University of St Andrews Students' Association Students' Representative Council

AGENDA

Tuesday 15th November 2016 - Committee Room -
6.00pm

- 1. Adoption of the Agenda**
- 2. Apologies for Absence**
- 3. Adoption of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
- 4. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
- 5. Open Forum**
- 6. Reports of Sabbatical Officers**
 - 6.1. Report of the Association President
 - 6.2. Report of the Association Director of Representation
 - 6.3. Report of the Athletic Union President
 - 6.4. Report of the Association Director of Events & Services
 - 6.5. Report of the Association Director of Student Development & Activities
- 7. Questions for SRC Committees and Officers**
 - 7.1. Questions for Association Alumni Committee
 - 7.2. Questions for Association Community Relations Committee
 - 7.3. Questions for Association Environment Committee
 - 7.4. Questions for Association LGBT+ Committee
 - 7.5. Questions for Association Equal Opportunities Committee
 - 7.6. Questions for SRC Member for Racial Equality
 - 7.7. Questions for SRC Member for Gender Equality
 - 7.8. Questions for SRC Member for First Years
 - 7.9. Questions for SRC Member for Age Equality
 - 7.10. Questions for SRC Member for Students with Disabilities
 - 7.11. Questions for SRC Member for Widening Access and Participation
 - 7.12. Questions for SRC Postgraduate Academic Officer
 - 7.13. Questions for SRC Postgraduate Development Officer
 - 7.14. Questions for Rector's Committee
 - 7.15. Questions for SRC Accommodation Committee
 - 7.16. Questions for SRC Education Committee
 - 7.17. Questions for SRC Wellbeing Committee
 - 7.18. Any Other Competent Questions
- 8. Unfinished General Business**
- 9. New General Business**
 - 9.1. Co-option of the SRC Member for Students with Disabilities
 - 9.2. Co-option of the SRC Wellbeing Officer
 - 9.3. J.16-19. A Motion for The Purchase of the Lizard Remains
- 10. Any Other Competent Business**
- 11. Collaborative Solutions**
 - 11.1. Cycle Safety Report

J.16-19. A Motion for The Purchase of the Lizard Remains

THIS SSC AND SRC NOTES:

1. That the night club venue the Lizard has been a well-loved fixture of the St Andrews student night life for many years.
2. Following the closure of this venue there may be a feeling of loss among the student population.

THIS SSC AND SRC BELIEVES:

1. That it would be a benefit to student wellbeing to acquire the flooring of the Lizard for the Union building as a memory and continuation of this long tradition.
2. The Union would do well to benefit in many ways from the inclusion of such furniture into the night life spaces of the Union building.

THIS SSC AND SRC RESOLVES:

1. To seek to acquire the dance flooring and any other appropriate fixtures from the Lizard.
2. To create a memorial space within the Union where such mementos might be put to good use.

PROPOSED:

Pia Szabo, SSC Societies Committee Officer

SECONDED:

Jack Carr, Director of Student Representation
Lewis Wood, Association LGBT+ Officer
Ben Peddie, Athletic Union President

Cycle Safety Report for SRC Meeting 15.11.16

The purpose of this report is to outline the issues regarding cycle safety in St Andrews, what is currently being done to address this and potential options for future action.

The problem:

In Scotland, the number of cycles on the road has increased by 46% since 2004 and the number of cyclists injured in a road accident has increased by 14% since then with 888 cyclists injured on the road in 2014. (roadsafetyscotland.org.uk)

In St Andrews, dangerous cycling is one of the most common complaints about students from locals including habits such as cycling without correct lights; cycling on the pavement or in the wrong direction on one way streets and dangerous overtaking - particularly on roundabouts. It must also be considered that many drivers in St Andrews drive in a manner that puts cyclists at risk, again in particular at roundabouts.

Lara Fahey, the Campus Cycling Officer recently did a bike light survey and found that 25% of cyclists in St Andrews do not have any lights and a further 16% only have one light.

Some of the laws:

- At night your cycle MUST have white front and red rear lights lit. It MUST also be fitted with a red rear reflector (and amber pedal reflectors, if manufactured after 1/10/85)
- You MUST NOT cycle on a pavement
- You MUST obey all traffic signs and traffic light signals
- You MUST NOT ride in a dangerous, careless or inconsiderate manner
- You MUST NOT cross the stop line when the traffic lights are red

(<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-highway-code/rules-for-cyclists-59-to-82>)

What is currently being done:

Police Scotland provide cycle safety advice on their website and are supporting the national *Give Everyone Cycle Space* campaign to encourage drivers to take extra care around cyclists.

Police in St Andrews are conducting a cycle safety campaign in town over the next three weeks to encourage cyclists to use lights and wear helmets

(<http://www.scotland.police.uk/whats-happening/news/2016/november/cyclingsafetycampaignstandrews>).

The University shop provides cost price bike lights but there are only 149 left (as of 1pm 11.11.16) at this reduced cost.

The Community Relations Committee are working with the **Campus Cycling Officer** on a bike light campaign that will start with posters and may expand to running events.

Transition have made a promotional cycle safety video

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AuN4PG8bqR4&app=desktop>) and publish a sustainable travel map that highlights all the cycle routes around St Andrews

(https://fourpointmapping.sustrans.org.uk/standrewscyclemap/standrews_testurl08032016.html)

What could be done?

Some ideas that were floated at the recent Bicycle User Group meeting are:

- Putting cheap, clip on lights onto every bike without them
- Finding ways to push local bike shops to encourage students to buy lights
- Bike Pool refusing to fix bikes without lights/otherwise promoting lights
- Increased Police spot checks
- Working with Business Improvement District (BID) to publicise which shops bike lights are sold in
- Targeting University staff as well

SRC REPORTS

ARTS/DIVINITY FACULTY PRESIDENT & SCIENCE/MEDICINE FACULTY PRESIDENT

Louise and I haven't been up to all that much since the last meeting of the SRC. We had our SSCC for ID4001/2 which was very productive. The feedback was mostly positive, although a few concerns were raised regarding communication issues. The module coordinators resolved to provide more information in the module handbook and induction in the next academic session to manage student expectations, and all felt this was an appropriate and welcomed response.

ASSOCIATION ALUMNI OFFICER

Nothing to report

ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICER

NO REPORT SUBMITTED

ASSOCIATION ENVIRONMENT OFFICER

Food Survey:

The Residential Business Services has requested for the food survey to be distributed in the beginning of semester 2 so the sustainability intern and I will finalise the content this week.

'Being a Green Employee' online workshop:

CAPOD has been delaying the release of this workshop and has finally committed to publish it in March.

Fairtrade:

The university has renewed its fairtrade status and one of our long-term policies is to look at introducing more fairtrade products across campus, starting with fairtrade bananas. This is something Procurement will investigate in terms of costs and supply options. For Fairtrade Fortnight the Environment Subcommittee has planned a film screening of the documentary the 'True Cost' on 6th March, 6:30pm, Studio @Byre Theatre.

Environmental Hall Representatives:

The first month of the Interhall Energy Competition is now over and ABH is the winner!

ASSOCIATION LGBT+ OFFICER

Thursday, Club 601: Drink Your Gender, Draw Your Gender: A Creative Arts Bash

Friday, Library: Trans Awareness Whiteboard Campaign

Friday, School 6: LGBTrans Talks: Not Just "Passing" Through

Saturday, the Library: Trans Awareness Whiteboard Campaign

Sunday, the Union: Transgender Day of Remembrance Stall

Sunday, Sandy's Bar: "Pay It No Mind": The Life & Times of Marsha P. Johnson [A Screening]

Sunday, the Pier: Pier Walk and Remembrance Service

Thank you for all of your support with the trans clothing drive - I'm really excited about it and so appreciate what everyone brought. Please do continue to support throughout the year, contributions are encouraged at any point, and feel free to just bring them to councils or any respective committee meetings we may be having.

Queer Fest is Week 3 next semester. We've got a final line up and a busy week, but if anyone is keen to work with us we're always enthusiastic, and will make the effort to shuffle things around to fit your subcoms in. Just drop me an email at law7@.

Hopefully you've all seen the gender neutral bathroom signs around the Union! Thank you to Jack and to the generations of LGBT+ Presidents, including Sigrid, that have fought for this. It's really incredible to see it happen.

ASSOCIATION EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES OFFICER

I've met with Ben Peddie to establish a new equality charter.
Also Professor Green is possibly coming on week 4 of Semester 2.

PRINCIPAL AMBASSADOR

Nothing to report

RECTOR'S ASSESSOR

NO REPORT SUBMITTED

SRC ACCOMMODATION OFFICER

We had our first Accommodation Subcommittee meeting which went well and there are lots of great ideas that we look forward to carrying out over the next year. My main update is that we have written the How to Rent Guide and it has been sent off for printing. This year it has more information than ever and will be 32 pages long with information about each of the letting agents and their letting process. I have asked for 500 copies to be printed, double what has been done in the past; we want to get them to every fresher that we can. Next week is Accommodation week and we will be visiting all the halls to give talks about accommodation. We will also be holding Accommodation Drop-in sessions from now on on Saturdays 3-5pm for anyone to come forward with their concerns worries etc so that we can try to help them.

SRC MEMBER FOR RACIAL EQUALITY

Nothing to report

SRC MEMBER FOR FIRST YEAR

NO REPORT SUBMITTED

SRC MEMBER FOR GENDER EQUALITY

NO REPORT SUBMITTED

SRC MEMBER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO

NO REPORT SUBMITTED

SRC MEMBER FOR AGE EQUALITY

NO REPORT SUBMITTED

SRC MEMBER FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

NA

SRC MEMBER FOR WIDENING ACCESS AND PARTICIPATION

1: there is an article in the Saint advertising accommodation for Commuting Student Accommodation. Hopefully this will attract attention and I have had two students contact me to enquire about accommodation.

2: Trying to get a sign for the Commuter Room so students can find it more easily.

3: Met with admissions and discussed setting up a mentoring programme for incoming students from Widening Access backgrounds.

4: Working with Student Services to compile a Student Guide encompassing all aspects of University Life in one Handy Guide. Aiming at incoming and current students who want an

easy way to find information.

SRC POSTGRADUATE ACADEMIC OFFICER
NO REPORT SUBMITTED

SRC POSTGRADUATE DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Recently I have been focussing on: provisions for postgraduates who return after a leave of absence; inclusion of mature students/ students with families; and expanding the reach of Postgraduate Development meetings to include members from the career's centre and registry. On these themes I have managed to spark discussion in student services about how returning postgraduates interact with them as well as what is offered from CAPOD and Registry for these students. I have had a meeting and email discussions with the Member for Age Equality about the possibility of a mature students society and how there is a cohort of the postgraduate community who may respond favourably to this. Finally, I have contacted the PGR and PGT specific Careers Advisors as well as Alex Griffiths in Registry, inviting them to the Postgraduate Development meetings and have so far received positive responses.

SRC WELLBEING OFFICER
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