

# University of St Andrews Students' Association Students' Representative Council

#### **AGENDA**

Tuesday 18 November 2014 – The Union Board Room - 7.00pm

- 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 Director of Student Development & Activities
- 6.2. Report of the Association Representation
- 6.3. Report of the Association Director of Events & Services
- 6.4. Report of the Association President

#### 7. Reports of Officers

- 7.1. Report of the Arts/Divinity Faculty President
- 7.2. Report of the Association Community Relations Officer
- 7.3. Report of the Association Environment & Ethics Officer
- 7.4. Report of the Association LGBT Officer
- 7.5. Report of the Athletic Union President
- 7.6. Report of the Science/Medicine Faculty President
- 7.7. Report of the SRC Accommodation Officer
- 7.8. Report of the SRC Education Officer
- 7.9. Report of the SRC Equal Opportunities Officer
- 7.10. Report of the SRC Employability Officer
- 7.11. Report of the SRC External Campaigns Officer
- 7.12. Report of the SRC Member for First Year
- 7.13. Report of the SRC Member for Gender Equality
- 7.14. Report of the SRC Member for International Students
- 7.15. Report of the SRC Member for Mature Students
- 7.16. Report of the SRC Member for Private Accommodation
- 7.17. Report of the SRC Member for Racial Equality
- 7.18. Report of the SRC Member for Students with Disabilities
- 7.19. Report of the SRC Member for University Accommodation
- 7.20. Report of the SRC Member for Widening Access & Participation
- 7.21. Report of the SRC Postgraduate Convenor
- 7.22. Report of the SRC Wellbeing Officer
- 7.23. Any Other Competent Reports

#### 8. Unfinished General Business

#### 9. New General Business

- 9.1. R.14-10 A Motion To Support Staff Pensions
- 9.2. R.14-11 A Motion By Petition: Rector 2014 Election

#### 10. Open Discussion

- 10.1. SRC Reform Proposal
- 10.2. SRC Motion History

#### 11. Any Other Competent Business

#### R. 14-10

#### A MOTION TO SUPPORT STAFF PENSIONS

#### THIS SRC NOTES:

- 1. That the University and College Union (UCU), the representative of teaching staff on campus, is involved in an industrial dispute with Universities UK (UUK) regarding proposed changes to the Universities Superannuantion Scheme (USS), the university pension scheme.
- 2. That the proposed cuts could mean significantly lower pensions for many members of staff.
- 3. That these cuts will most harmfully affect those staff who have dedicated the longest time to the university.
- 4. That the cuts would decrease the value of pensions provided by USS in comparison to pension schemes at post- 92 universities.
- 5. That the cuts are based on the assumption of a deficit in the USS scheme which does not fully account for the value of the scheme as a whole, thereby mistakenly overstating the size of the deficit.
- 6. That a UCU marking boycott began on 6th November, to continue until a resolution to the pensions dispute can be found.

#### THIS SRC BELIEVES:

- 1. Pensions represent an important part of university worker compensation, and play a large role in attracting the best staff possible to the university.
- 2. That students and staff must stand together to assert their shared right to university governance and the best possible university for all students and staff.
- 3. That students must stand in solidarity with staff calls for fair compensation.
- 4. That the best way to end the marking boycott would be for UUK to take its proposed cuts off the table.
- 5. That the University ought to act by all possible means, particularly by speaking with UUK, to remove these pension cuts and address projected deficits through more reasonable means.

#### THIS SRC RESOLVES:

- 1. To state its support of the UCU's call for protecting staff pensions, and associated action, including the marking boycott.
- 2. To organize official student support for this campaign; to be led by the External Campaigns officer, President, and Director of Representation.
- 3. To inform the students of the marking boycott so that students are able to support staff.
- 4. To encourage students to contact Principal Richardson to use her influence to encourage UUK to stop these cuts.

PROPOSED: SECONDED:

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SRC External Campaigns Officer SRC Member for Racial Equality

## A Motion by Petition to the Students Representative Council, Regarding the 2014 Rectorial Election

#### This SRC notes:

- 1. The position of Lord Rector of the University is a prestigious office. In recent times, it has come to be an office that represents all students at the University of St Andrews.
- 2. The Lord Rector is able to speak on both university and national level about issues affecting students. For this they ought to be confirmed as representative of the majority of students through an election process.
- 3. That the Students' Association has accepted the responsibility of running and overseeing the Rectorial Election on behalf of the University
- 4. That Clause 19 of the Rectorial Election 2014: Procedures and Rules states that "In the case of one candidate being validly nominated, no election shall take place and this candidate will be automatically appointed."
- 5. In all Student's Association elections, there is a RON option present.
- 6. In 2014, the invocation of Clause 19, the lack of an election, and the subsequent appointment of the Rector was a source of dissatisfaction within the student body.

#### This SRC Believes:

- 1. In order to take office, the Lord Rector should have a democratic mandate from the Students of the University of St Andrews.
- 2. Clause 19 of the University's Rules for Rectorial Elections directly conftavenes this principle, and the principles of the Association's general elections policy.
- 3. A lack of nominations does not necessarily reflect apathy on the part of the student body, and as a consequence should not be taken as automatic assent to a single candidate.
- 4. A Rector without a democratic mandate lacks the authority that those who have gone through an electoral process has, which benefits nobody.

#### This SRC Resolves:

- 1. That the Sabbatical Officers must accept a mandate to lobby the relevant members of the University administration to amend the Procedures and Rules to remove Clause 19.
- 2. That the Sabbatical Officers and the Association as a whole must accept as part of their remit a responsibility to run elections in a free and fair manner, and to do their utmost to ensure that all elections run by the Association, (either within the Association or on behalf of the University) are consistent with Association laws and policies, and to keep these policies in mind when approving future election rules and procedures.

Proposed: Jack Carr

Seconded: Ali West

### Signatures:

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## <u>Approved Substantive SRC + Joint Motions Excluding Pure Constitutional</u> <u>Changes since April 2014</u>

1. J. 14-1 A MOTION TO FORMALISE THE MANAGEMENT OF THE BARRON THEATRE

Proposed: Daniel Palmer Seconded: Ben Anderson

2. R. 14-2 A MOTION TO PROMOTE ZERO-TOLERANCE POLICIES FOR SEXUAL HARASSMENT

WITHIN THE COMMUNITY

Proposed: Annie Newman Seconded: Zara Evans

3. R. 14 – 3 A Motion To Adopt An Action Plan For SRC Reform

Proposed: Teddy Woodhouse Seconded: Chloe Hill, Kelsey Gold, Daniel Palmer

4. R. 14-4 A Motion To Approve The Procedures And Rules Of The 2014 Rectorial Elections

Proposed: Ondrej Hajda Seconded: Pat Mathewson

5. R. 14-5 A Motion to Urge the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews to Admit

Women

Proposed: Walt Andrews Seconded: Sarah Gimont

6. R. 14-6 A Motion To Promote The Expansion Of The University Accommodation

Bursaries

Proposed: Alex Ciric Seconded: Sarah Gimont

7. R. 14 – 8 A Motion to Provide Funding For The "That's Union" Campaign From The SRC

Discretionary Fund

Proposed: Joe Tantillo Seconded: Pat Mathewson

8. R. 14 – 9 A Motion to Subsidise The Purchase of Bike Lights With The SRC Discretionary

Fund

Proposed: Zara Evans Seconded: Pat Mathewson

9. J. 14–11 A Motion to Amend the Laws to Create a More Effective Discipline Policy

Proposed: David Norris Seconded: Leon O'Rourke

10. J. 14-10 Motion to Amend the Charities Campaign Constitution to Include a Cap on

**Nominated Charities** 

Proposed: Kyle Blain Seconded: Fay Morrice