



University of St Andrews Students' Association Students' Representative Council

AGENDA

Tuesday 3 November 2015 - 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 Athletic Union President
 - 6.2. Report of the Association President
 - 6.3. Report of the Association Director of Events & Services
 - 6.4. Report of the Association Director of Student Development & Activities
 - 6.5. Report of the Association Director of Representation
- 7. Questions for Committees**
 - 7.1. Questions for Association Alumni Committee
 - 7.2. Questions for Association Community Relations Committee
 - 7.3. Questions for Association Environment and Ethics Committee
 - 7.4. Questions for Association LGBT Committee
 - 7.5. Questions for Rector's Committee
 - 7.6. Questions for SRC Accommodation Committee
 - 7.7. Questions for SRC Education Committee
 - 7.8. Questions for SRC Employability Committee
 - 7.9. Questions for SRC Equal Opportunities Committee
 - 7.10. Questions for SRC External Campaigns Committee
 - 7.11. Questions for SRC Wellbeing Committee
 - 7.12. Any Other Competent Questions
- 8. Unfinished General Business**
- 9. New General Business**
 - 9.1. **J.15-25-A** Motion To Change Of The Name Of The Association Environment And Ethics Officer And Subcommittee To Association Environment Officer And Subcommittee
- 10. Open Discussion**
- 11. Any Other Competent Business**

SRC REPORTS

ARTS/DIVINITY FACULTY PRESIDENT/SCIENCE/MEDICINE FACULTY PRESIDENT

Here is a report
From Faculty Presidents
Some haikus for you

EduCom busy
Working groups are progressing
On our many aims

From supervision
To Early Information
SPs represent

Also Wellbeing,
Welfare reps met Miriam
And got a free lunch

As for us FPs,
Louiseanor oversee
On all of these groups

Also ID reps
Scheduling is a hurdle
SSCC soon

And most important
A Christmas meal is coming
So we be merry

ASSOCIATION ALUMNI OFFICER

This week we are recruiting societies and subcommittees to hold events on the Festival Weekend. Members of the committee will be contacting societies to talk through the logistics of the weekend. We are also launching Alumni lists for societies and subcommittees, so we will also be in contact with regards to the beginnings of that database.

ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICER

We are really dealing with three key issues this week:

1. Raisin aftermath – we are liaising with the community council and local

businesses to get feedback on their experience of Raising (we are particularly concerned by comments that local business' trading falls significantly on Raising Sunday), and will shortly after be arranging meetings with Student Services and Discipline to see what we can do to alleviate the causes of these concerns in the future. We would like to remind anyone who receives complaints (from locals or students) about Raising to put them in contact with us at comrels@st-andrews.ac.uk

2. We are working with the Re-Use Recycle Society, the Environment Team and E&E to put together a student survey on recycling habits for the end of November/ beginning of December.

3. We have temporarily put our cycle safety publicity on hold until we can find a reliable source of bike lights for the Union shop, but we are hoping this will be resolved soon.

ASSOCIATION ENVIRONMENT & ETHICS OFFICER

Things have calmed down since Green Week, and now E and E subcommittee is looking to concentrate on the more representative side of our role. We will be looking at proposing an environmental policy and strategy for the Association – if you have any input at this stage please get in contact.

This week has been lots of meetings. The first was with Luca from the Binn Group, who manage the food waste recycling for all university sites. At present the Union building does not (officially) recycle food waste, however new legislation will be coming into effect from January, which will require the building to recycle food waste. Details of how the Binn group recycle our food waste (its really interesting) will be posted on the E and E Facebook group when available. I also met with George King, the Sustainability Intern in Estates Environment Team, about plans for next semester including Fairtrade fortnight and the Fairtrade Steering Group. We hosted one of our monthly drop-in sessions for the Hall Environment Reps, with excellent feedback of activities from the Albany rep.

ASSOCIATION LGBT OFFICER

NO REPORT SUBMITTED.

PRINCIPAL AMBASSADOR

NO REPORT SUBMITTED.

RECTOR'S ASSESSOR

NO REPORT SUBMITTED.

SRC ACCOMMODATION OFFICER

NO REPORT SUBMITTED.

SRC EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES OFFICER

NO REPORT SUBMITTED.

SRC EMPLOYABILITY OFFICER

NO REPORT SUBMITTED.

SRC EXTERNAL CAMPAIGNS OFFICER

NO REPORT SUBMITTED.

SRC MEMBER FOR RACIAL EQUALITY

Pangea is my life.

The venue is now Club 601 and we'll be releasing our publicity soon. If anyone still wants to get involved they can contact me (ja75@). In the meantime, like the Facebook page! <https://www.facebook.com/PangeaStAndrews/>

#getpumped

SRC MEMBER FOR FIRST YEAR

Not much to report, meeting with the LGBT freshers' rep on Monday to talk about outreach etc and hope to do this with other subcommittees. Hoping to have a drop-in feedback session at the end of this week so if you know any first years with issues they'd like to discuss then please tell them to get in touch!

SRC MEMBER FOR GENDER EQUALITY

NO REPORT SUBMITTED.

SRC MEMBER FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

NO REPORT SUBMITTED.

SRC MEMBER FOR MATURE STUDENTS

NO REPORT SUBMITTED.

SRC MEMBER FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Nothing to report.

SRC MEMBER FOR WIDENING ACCESS AND PARTICIPATION

NO REPORT SUBMITTED.

SRC POSTGRADUATE CONVENER

The Library has launched a new parking ticket system to address seat-hogging starting week 7. Any feedback is welcome - please get in touch with your relevant class reps and School Presidents.

The first Postgraduate Executive Forum will take place on Tuesday, 3 November in attendance of both Deans and give PG reps the chance to discuss their concerns.

The Postgraduate Society is in the midst of preparations for the Graduation Ball on Monday, 30 November. Other PG Soc events over the next weeks include: Guy Fawkes Bonfire, Bus trip to Braemar, Social with LGBT+ and a stress-relief event.

SRC WELLBEING OFFICER

Now that Raisin and SHAG Week are done Wellbeing Committee is getting a bit of a rest with nothing looming too close, so we are using the time to start planning ways to de-stress revision period. Nightline will be producing exam packs again with the same basic structure as last year and more ideas for events from last year include yoga, guide dogs, sports classes, and stress-free strolls. I have met around ten of the Welfare Reps in schools and found out more about what they are doing. We are also starting to put plans together for Mental Health Awareness Week which will be next semester - if anyone is interested in getting involved, get in touch!

**J.15-25- A MOTION TO CHANGE OF THE NAME OF THE ASSOCIATION
ENVIRONMENT AND ETHICS OFFICER AND SUBCOMMITTEE TO ASSOCIATION
ENVIRONMENT OFFICER AND SUBCOMMITTEE**

Owner: Environment and Ethics Subcommittee

In effect from: From the Start of Semester 2

This SRC & SSC Notes:

1. The position is currently called Association Environment and Ethics Officer.
2. The current remit is:
 - a. 3.8 The Association Environment & Ethics Officer shall:
 - i. 3.8.1. Have special responsibility for those areas concerning Environment & Ethics, environmental and ethical issues.
 - ii. 3.8.2. Convene and chair meetings of the Association Environment & Ethics Committee.
 - iii. 3.8.3. Coordinate his/her activities with the Association President.
 - iv. 3.8.4. Work in cooperation with relevant members of staff
 - v. 3.8.5. Liaise with the University on matters relating to Environment & Ethics issues
 - vi. 3.8.6. Implement Association policy on Environment & Ethics issues.
3. Have spoken to other members of staff in different bodies (Transition, Environment Team) across the university who support a change in name.

This SRC & SSC Believes:

1. The current usage of the term 'ethics' in the laws is not well defined, which poses challenges when determining the practice of the Association Environment and Ethics Officer.
2. Removing 'ethics' from the position would not affect the current practice of the Association Environment and Ethics Officer or Subcommittee, the presence or lack thereof does not impact whether or not the association continues to be ethical.

This SRC & SSC Resolves:

1. To change all references of Association Environment and Ethics Officer and Association Environment and Ethics Subcommittee in the laws to Association Environment Officer and Association Environment Subcommittee.
2. To remove all references to 'Ethics' concerning the Association Environment and Ethics officer in the Association Laws.

Proposed: Environment and Ethics Committee