



University of St Andrews Students' Association Students' Representative Council

AGENDA

Tuesday 7th April 2015 - Students' Association Board 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.15-14- A Motion to Reform Alumni Access to the Union
- 9.2. J.15-15- A Motion to Hold NUS Referendum
- 9.3. R.15-1- A Motion to Lobby for Adequate Provision of Sexual Health Services in St Andrews

10. Any Other Competent Business

J.15-14

A MOTION TO REFORM ALUMNI ACCESS TO THE UNION

OWNER: Pat Mathewson

IN EFFECT FROM: Immediately

REVIEW DATE: April 2016

THIS SSC & SRC NOTE:

1. The Association's Strategic Plan holds 'engaging with alumni in a meaningful way' as a core objective of our three year strategy.
2. Efforts are currently underway to make a student-driven alumni approach a reality, including the forthcoming Alumni Festival Weekend in April 2015.
3. Barriers still exist to the ease with which Alumni can access the union, relying principally on the mechanism of Life Membership.
4. Revenue from new and replacement Life Memberships issued in this academic year totalled £145.
5. There is an insufficient mechanism for data capture of which alumni are visiting the union.
6. The union has until now had no database to verify the authenticity of an alumnus who presents at the door on a given evening. This has now been rectified with the assistance of the Development Office.

THIS SSC & SRC BELIEVES:

1. Successful engagement with alumni has the potential to significantly enhance the Association and the delivery of its mission. Furthermore, increased footfall has the potential to support commercial objectives.
2. The success of events such as the forthcoming alumni festival weekend will rely on a user-friendly and efficient means of giving alumni access to the Union. The year on year success of these events will be enhanced by robust data capture.

THIS SSC & SRC RESOLVES:

1. To Strike Section 3.2.1.2 from the laws "On payment of the appropriate fee as determined by the SSC."
2. In keeping with licensing laws, to mandate that door staff utilise the new database to verify the identity of alumni in enabling access to the Union.

PROPOSED:

Pat Mathewson

Association President

Sarah Thompson

AU President

Charlotte Andrew

Association Alumni Officer

SECONDED:

Leon O'Rourke

DoES

Joe Tantillo

DoRep-Elect

Kyle Blain

DoSDA-Elect

Chris McCrae

DoES-Elect

President who shall in turn report this to SRC and SSC and then to SAB for approval. To return to membership having successfully opted out, the same process will be followed.

3.1.4. Having opted out of the Association the student will have the same rights to the facilities of the Association as a member of the public, except for access to advice and advocacy services by appointment.

3.2. Life Members

3.2.1. The following shall be eligible to be life members of the Association:

3.2.1.1. Existing Life Members of the present or any previous Union or Association of the University of St Andrews.

~~3.2.1.2. On payment of the appropriate fee as determined by the SSC, any member of the General Council of the University of St Andrews.~~

3.2.1.3. On payment of the appropriate fee as determined by the SSC, Ordinary Members who have held that status for at least three years at this Association or any other past Students' Union of the University of St Andrews, including Queen's College Students' Union, while that college was part of the University of St Andrews; and Open University

J.15-15

A MOTION TO HOLD NUS REFERENDUM

OWNER: Elections Committee

IN EFFECT FROM: Immediately

REVIEW DATE: N/A

THIS SSC & SRC NOTE:

1. That the University of St Andrews Students' Association is not presently affiliated to the National Union of Students (NUS).
2. The referendum held in November 2012 on the question of whether the Association should affiliate to the NUS, which resulted in a vote of 75% against to 25% in favour.
3. That in an amendment to the motion initiating the above referendum, the SRC resolved to hold another such referendum in three years' time.

THIS SSC & SRC BELIEVES:

1. That the question of whether to affiliate to NUS is best decided by the students of St Andrews by means of a referendum.
2. That it should respect the decision of the previous SRC on the timing of this referendum.

THIS SSC & SRC RESOLVES:

1. To hold a referendum on 19-20 November 2015 on the question "Should the University of St Andrews Students' Association join the National Union of Students? Yes or No."
2. To request the Students' Association Board (SAB) to commission independent information on the costs of affiliation, to be published as part of the referendum campaign.
3. To instruct the Elections Committee to draw up rules for the conduct of campaigns during the referendum.
4. To hold another NUS referendum, regardless the result, in November 2018.

PROPOSED:

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| Ondrej Hajda | Director of Representation |
| Fay Morrice | Director of Student Development and Activities |
| Sigrid Jorgensen | LGBT Officer |
| Charlotte Potter | Arts/Divinity Faculty President |
| Katy Rae | Science/Medicine Faculty President |
| Eleanor Mullin | Arts/Divinity Faculty President-elect |
| Louise McCaul | Science/Medicine Faculty President-elect |
| Toby Emerson | External Campaigns Officer |
| Robert Dixon | Societies Officer |

R.15-1
**A MOTION TO LOBBY FOR ADEQUATE PROVISION OF
SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICES IN ST ANDREWS**

OWNER: Wellbeing Committee
IN EFFECT FROM: Immediately
REVIEW DATE: September 2015

THIS SRC NOTES:

1. That the NHS Sexual Health Fife runs a Contraception and Sexual Health Clinic every Tuesday 12.30-4.30pm during term time in Eden Court.
2. The Director of Representation and the Wellbeing Committee received numerous complaints from students about the long waiting time, exceeding 3 weeks, in the Eden Court Contraception and Sexual Health Clinic.
3. The University of St Andrews Student Services have been in discussion with NHS Sexual Health Fife about expanding the provision of the Contraception and Sexual Health Clinic for over 12 months.

THIS SRC BELIEVES:

1. The promotion of positive sexual health is an important responsibility of the Students' Association.
2. The NHS Sexual Health Fife should ensure adequate provision of sexual health services for members of the Students' Association and the wider community.
3. The long waiting time at the Contraception and Sexual Health Clinic in Eden Court is detrimental to promotion of positive sexual health in St Andrews.

THIS SRC RESOLVES:

1. To express support to the efforts of Student Services to increase the provision of sexual health services at the Contraception and Sexual Health Clinic.
2. To mandate the Wellbeing Committee to lobby NHS Sexual Health Fife and other appropriate bodies on expanding the Contraception and Sexual Clinic in Eden Court to reduce waiting time and ensure adequate provision of sexual health services in St Andrews.

PROPOSED:

WELLBEING COMMITTEE

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| Ondrej Hajda | Director of Representation |
| Joe Tantillo | Director-Elect of Representation |

SRC REPORTS

ARTS/DIVINITY FACULTY PRESIDENT- CHARLOTTE POTTER

I have been organising a conference on women in academia over the past year, and it will take place on 16th April. This has therefore been taking up the lion's share of my time as Arts and Divinity Faculty President over the last few weeks. Before the break, on March 10th, I attended the first Academic Council of the semester, where I spoke on matters including Admissions and Widening Access, and contributed to the discussion of the strategic plan, commenting on the importance of preserving the student experience in the face of increasing student numbers and the current accommodation crisis. Together with Katy, the Science and Medicine Faculty President, we are attempting to wrap up several ongoing projects, focus on the handover for the incoming Faculty Presidents (especially important as they were new roles this year) and planning some end of year social events for the Education Committee.

ASSOCIATION ALUMNI OFFICER- CHARLOTTE ANDREW

This week I've met several members of the Development Office team alongside Pat, discussing plans for the Alumni Festival Weekend. We've also met with other members of the Development office focusing on the possibility of starting up a crowd fundraising website to aim at condensing all alumni donations to society projects into one platform. Not only will this clarify the process for students and alumni, it will also allow the Development Office to track the number of donors and amount of donations made over the year. This helps consolidate rankings of the University in terms of Alumni engagement. In the next few days I am to organise meetings with SSC subcommittee heads to focus on improving their current processes of alumni engagement; including sending out newsletters and creating an alumni database.

ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICER- CLARE ARMSTRONG

This week I have been liaising with the local branch of RBS regarding an upcoming event they are holding with Police Scotland for those in the area who might be vulnerable to crimes such as scams and phishing, and I am hoping that we will be able to make this advice available to our student body later on. Additionally, I am shortly to attend the first meeting of the Safer Campus Group, which aims to tackle issues of substance misuse and anti-social behaviour within the university, and I am confident that this will provide an effective means to address these issues in the future. Other than this, I have also helped to set up a separate email account for Community Relations Officer, which should help to aid institutional memory, and I am looking to start setting a budget for community relations projects in the near future.

ASSOCIATION ENVIRONMENT & ETHICS OFFICER- ALICE PICKTHALL

I am in the process of setting up meetings with the environment team and transition to discuss how to move forwards with the role.

ASSOCIATION LGBT OFFICER- SIGRID JORGENSEN

- Ruairidh Bowen is the new Vice President of Social, James Bluck is the new Vice President of Welfare, Taryn O'Connor is GlitterBall Convener
- Anonymous Email is ready to launch, we will be doing a big social media push next week to recruit monitors
- Poster campaign has gone up in Agnes Blackadder Hall and Melville
- Alumni Weekend: An Evening with Mark Bunyan on April 18th 7:30-9pm
- AGM: We have it on Monday April 6th
- Upcoming Events:
 - Star Radio Cabaret on April 17th
 - Picnic with Dundee LGBT society on April 18th

PRINCIPAL AMBASSADOR-BRYONY SHEPHERD

-NO REPORT RECEIVED-

RECTOR'S ASSESSOR- ANNIE NEWMAN

Hi SRC!

We've now launched the applications for the Rectors' Fund, a scholarship body designed to help fund student internships. This year scholarships are open to second as well as third years, so please feel free to spread the word amongst your friends. Applications are open until Wednesday, April 15th, and successful applicants must be available to interview on Saturday, April 18th. The official list of Rectors' Scholars will be announced in late April.

We've also got our second "Inspirer" lecture series coming up, with Dr Beth Breeze giving a talk entitled "From Bushmen to Bill Gates: How studying Social Anthropology at St Andrews led to a career researching philanthropy" on April 17th at 3 pm. Catherine will be introducing Beth and the talk is free, so please do come along!

SCIENCE/MEDICINE FACULTY PRESIDENT- KATY RAE

At the School Presidents' Forum on Monday 30th June, we discussed the anti-distraction campaign organised by a collection of FPs. We further discussed joint-Honours dissertations and potential additions to the Collaboration statement with the

Proctor and the Deans. Industrial Placement tuition fees were on the agenda, but progress is limited because of restrictions by the British Government.

Outside of this meeting, I've had some discussion with the DoRep and School Presidents concerning potential changes by the University to the Entry to Honours policy for Science students (the University are trying to make practices more standard across the Faculty).

SRC ACCOMMODATION OFFICER- ALEX CIRIC

- Handover meeting with previous Accommodation Officer, Sarah Gimont on 1/4/2015.
- Two meeting with SA Accommodation Advocate, Naomi Allen:
- Enhancement Theme funding ideas (next deadline December 2015)
- Desire to run PAVS over the summer of 2015
- Make a list of rights of tenants to be published on SA website
- Possibility of rewording, making amendments to How to Rent Guide for 2015-2016
 - best to move forward after the accommodation sub-committee has been decided.
- Potential survey of students for accommodation issues—could be broadened to include questions about other aspects of student life.
- Increase use of Facebook group

SRC EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES OFFICER- OMAR ALI

- Handover Meetings – Members of my team have been meeting with their Union predecessors as well as relevant University authorities in order to talk about some of their ideas for the year while also learning about what's been done with each role in the past.
- Focus Groups – In order to get a better idea of which issues we ought to be addressing as a team in our strategic plan, our team has been attending subcommittee meetings and opening discussions centred around the Union's Equal Opportunities services and policies as they currently stand. We're essentially trying to eliminate the issue of self-selecting focus groups by going through this process.
- Committee Rebrand – In order to expand our outreach and attract wider audiences for our events, services, and campaigns, we will be centralising all of our information onto a new website featuring bios of each committee member, contact information, past and upcoming events, a list of relevant resources for students, and our full strategic plan. All of this content will be pushed via social media as well as word-of-mouth publicity.
- Strategic Planning – One of the major issues on the Equal Opportunities Committee this year was the lack of an overall agenda which directed the activities of the group. In order to address this, we will spend the last two weeks of term drafting a three-year strategic planning document which will highlight our main aims as a committee with regards to events, resources, services, policies, and campaigns.

SRC EMPLOYABILITY OFFICER- NILS TURNER

- meeting with incumbent SRC Employability Officer in order to facilitate handover and to gain insight and draw upon her past experiences (before Spring Break)
- meeting with DoREP to discuss ideas and plans for the future as well as explaining the position of SRC Employability Officer within the Students' Association (before Spring Break)
- meeting with the Director of the Career Centre, Paul Brown, scheduled to discuss cooperation for next year as well as exchanging ideas (date tbc)
- attended the NSU conference "Leading the Student Experience event - the Student Experience in a new age: Employability and Technology" partially funded by the Student Association (travel costs & registration fee) in London on Wednesday, the 18th of March, to gain insight into other universities' employability programmes
- A detailed list of ideas and plans I campaigned with as well as the ideas developed with Lydia and Ondrej can be provided on request, though they will still be subject to major changes in the course of this initial planning phase.

SRC EXTERNAL CAMPAIGNS OFFICER- TOBY EMERSON

I've been speaking with my predecessor, Walt, to talk through some of his projects, ideas, and initiatives. Further to this, I've started to reach out to certain societies regarding their plans for the year etc. to ensure they know what help we can provide. I plan to speak to more societies and groups in St Andrews with the aim of further developing the support network from the Union. Hopefully these discussions will get us some projects to work on moving forward.

SRC MEMBER FOR RACIAL EQUALITY- JACKIE ASHKIN

- met with Sium Ghebru, the outgoing SRC Member for Racial Equality, to discuss the successes and failures of the last year
- attended a Racial Equality Charter Meeting as a student representative to the administration
- explored issues surrounding Bongo Ball and possible responses to current student sentiment - some sort of action by the end of the current semester
- met with Ondrej to talk about a Black History Month committee - more on this is the coming weeks

SRC MEMBER FOR FIRST YEARS- HOLLY JOHNSTON

- I've been answering emails from incoming first years about everything, mainly accommodation and social life, talking to incoming freshers at open days as well.
- Met with Jo Boon yesterday to talk about how she found it last year/what she wants me to continue with.
- Meeting with Pat on Monday to talk about plans for the year etc.

SRC MEMBER FOR GENDER EQUALITY- ALICE LECOINTE

- I had a handover meeting with Annie, who gave me lots of great advice/contacts to help me implement my ideas
- The first thing I want to tackle is sexual assault and harassment, so I've been doing research on successful campaigns at other universities and in the States (the #whowillyouhelp campaign in particular was very interesting). I've been chatting to Omar about what we can do (campaign / video etc) and I am meeting with Ondrej, Joe and Penny Turnbull from Student Services soon.
- I've been looking at the University's web pages on harassment, sexual health, support etc. A lot of them are out of date or incomplete, and once I get the relevant contact information I'll be getting in touch about updating them.
- The Equal Opportunities committee has met up twice to chat about strategies and projects for the year. I volunteered to take minutes at meetings so I'll be doing the Moodle training this week.
- I've also spoken briefly to Michael from Women in Office about how we could work together.

SRC MEMBER FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS- ADAM STROMME

- Getting the grounding for the social media campaign I will need to manage next year.
- Conducting the randomised focus groups amongst subcommittees for Equal Opps.
- I am hoping to have a meeting with Ondrej (or whomever you recommend, direction would be nice) about what the process will be for hosting socials for Int. students early in the year next year (getting funding, securing location, etc.)

SRC MEMBER FOR MATURE STUDENTS- AYSHA MARTY

- I have met with the Saint Features Editor to discuss a piece on the mature student population which will hopefully be published in this month's edition.
- The date for my meeting with Mel, the outgoing Mature Student Member to discuss handover and plans for the coming year.
- I would like to find a way to put together some kind of 'mailing list' for mature students to opt in to in order to increase communications and keep them informed of upcoming events and opportunities.

SRC MEMBER FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES- KATE MAYER

- I have contacted the Athletic Union about sports opportunities for disabled students and am awaiting their response
- I have a meeting tomorrow morning with student Services

SRC MEMBER FOR WIDENING ACCESS AND PARTICIPATION- MAXWELL SPEIRS

-Thus far I've met with my predecessor and discussed which ideas are feasible and general handover stuff.

-I manned the union stall for the first time yesterday which gave me a chance to review its effectiveness and what changes could be made.

-In the coming weeks I will be attending focus groups to gather student views on issues regarding access and participation.

SRC POSTGRADUATE CONVENER

SRC WELLBEING OFFICER- MIRIAM CHAPPELL

SHAG Brainstorming meeting: If you're interested in getting involved with SHAG Week (Sexual Health and Guidance Week), we're having a brainstorming meeting in Week 10. Union Meeting Room (Room 202), 2pm-4pm, 9th April.

- Join the Wellbeing Committee: to apply, send up to 100 words on 'why you' (and an example of work, if applying for designer) to wellbeing@st-andrews.ac.uk. Positions available: secretary, treasurer, publicity rep, designer, SHAG convenor. Deadline: Friday Week 9 (10th April)

- Communication in progress with NHS Fife about provision of sexual health services at Eden Court

- Preparations for a May Dip safety campaign, via Facebook, in progress

- Exam packs in progress, distribution in Week 11.