



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

**MINUTES**

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2019 – Large Rehearsal Room - 6.00pm

**Present**

<b>Member's Name</b>	<b>Position</b>
Gianluca Giammei	Arts and Divinity Faculty President
Olivia Wiggins	Association Alumni Officer
Jack Rogan	Association Chair
Morgan Morris	Association Community Relations Officer
Amy Bretherton	Association Director of Education-Elect
Adam Powrie	Association Director of Events and Services
Jamie Minns	Association Director of Student Development and Activities
Nick Farrer	Association Director of Wellbeing
Flora Smith	Association Director of Wellbeing-Elect
Lauren Davis	Association Environment Officer
Parker Hansen	Association LGBT+ Officer
Paloma Paige	Association President
Jamie Rodney	Association President-Elect
Fiona Murray	Athletic Union President
Leah Allcock	Athletic Union President-Elect
Ben McAuley	Principal Ambassador
Camilla Duke	Rector's Assessor
Alisa Danilenko	Science/Medical Science Faculty President
Charles Barker	SRC Accommodation Officer
Polina Sevastyanova	SRC Member for First Years
Leonor Capelier	SRC Member for Gender Equality
Zoe Nengite	SRC Member for Racial Equality
Emily Muller	SRC Member for Students With Disabilities
Britt McArdle	SRC Member for Widening Access and Participation
Courtney Aitken	SRC Postgraduate Development Convener

**In Attendance**

Iain Cupples                      Student Advocate (Education)/HR Manager

**1. Adoption of the Agenda**

Passed without dissent.

**2. Apologies for Absence**

<b>Member's Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	
Alice Foulis	Association Director of Education	Apologies
Mika Schmeling	Association Director of Events and Services-Elect	Apologies
Dennis Goodztov	Science/Medical Science Faculty President-Elect	Apologies
Emma Whitefield	SRC Postgraduate Academic Convener-Elect	Apologies
Ana Maria Neferu	SRC Postgraduate Development Officer-Elect	Apologies

### **3. Open Forum**

No business.

### **4. Reports of Sabbatical Officers**

#### 4.1. Report of the Association Director of Education

Not present.

#### 4.2. Report of the Association Director of Wellbeing

Nick Farrer (NF) offered congratulations to Nightline for their success at the national Nightline conference. St Andrews Nightline had been shortlisted for every award, and won Nightline of the year. The Community Council Health and Wellbeing Committee meeting had been held on Monday and the Association Wellbeing subcommittee would meet tomorrow at 12. The University were developing a strategy around suicide focusing on prevention, intervention, and postvention in such events. The John Honey Award nominations were open, with the deadline next Monday. NF was tidying up the elections report for presentation to the relevant committees.

#### 4.3. Report of the Athletic Union President

Not present.

#### 4.4. Report of the Association President

Paloma Paige (PP) informed the SRC that the decision on HMOs in St Andrews had been taken by the Council last Thursday. An HMO overprovision policy had been put in place: no new HMO licenses would be granted if doing so would affect the proportion of HMOs within three designated sections of the town. The policy will be reviewed for effectiveness. The decision was very disappointing and frustrating for all students, but the Association would continue to campaign and advocate for better student experiences in private accommodation and take a constructive approach.

There would be student consultation on the enabling strategies for the University going forward as part of its strategic planning process. This would include accommodation enabling, digital enabling, and people enabling strategies. Councils, particularly SRC, would act as a feeding point for student input on these, particularly on issues around diversity and community.

Finally, as this was the last Council meeting PP would attend, she offered thanks to all who had worked with her over the year.

#### 4.5. Report of the Association Director of Events & Services

Adam Powrie (AP) reported that the SSC Music Officer had resigned. At present, the intention was to open applications and co-opt a replacement early in semester 1 next year: the current committee would cover things meantime with help from the DoES. Graduation and Summer Ball tickets were on sale, and expected to sell out. On The Rocks went really well. There would be an email soon about a provisional events calendar for next year, offering advice about and asking for notification of big events officers might be planning.

#### 4.6. Report of the Association Director of Student Development & Activities

Jamie Minns (JM) reported that Honorary Life Memberships nominations were open. JM emphasised that to qualify, nominees must have gone above and beyond in whatever roles they held. JM had attended AGMs for Societies and Debates already, and would do so for other subcommittees in the coming weeks: he would also attend a number of interviews for subcommittees and participate in deciding on Societies Awards. JM also wished best of luck to LGBT+ with Pride this weekend and offered thanks to all he had worked with in his term of office.

### 5. Questions for Association Officers

- 5.1. Questions for Association Alumni Officer
- 5.2. Questions for Association Community Relations Officer

Morgan Morris (MM) encouraged members to attend the May Dip annual beach clean at 6:30am on May 1st. The Durham University SU visitors' lunch had been moved to Sandy's Bar.

#### 5.3. Questions for Association Environment Officer

Lauren Davis (LD) reported that all committee positions were filled last week, and that there would be events over the next two weeks.

#### 5.4. Questions for Association LGBT+ Officer

Parker Hansen (PH) said that applications for subcommittee positions were open.

#### 5.5. Questions for Association Lifelong and Flexible Learners Officer

Sandra Mitchell (SM) said that upcoming events were listed on the subcommittee's Facebook page. These would include attendance by lifelong and flexible learners and Pride and the May Dip.

### 6. Questions for SRC Committees and Officers

#### 6.1. Questions for SRC Accommodation Officer

Charles Barker (CB) noted that Hall Committee positions were open and encourage people to participate. Accommodation subcommittee applications ended today.

#### 6.2. Questions for SRC Member for First Years

Polina Sevastyanova (PS) asked members to contact her with anything for incoming first years.

#### 6.3. Questions for SRC Member for Gender Equality

Leonor Capelier (LC) informed SRC she was aiming to organise a gender equality week for next semester.

6.4. Questions for SRC Member for Racial Equality

Zoe Nengite (ZN) had been contacting cultural societies with a view to establishing links.

6.5. Questions for SRC Member for Students with Disabilities

Emily Muller (EM) said she was trying to organise peer support networks for students with disabilities.

6.6. Questions for SRC Member for Student Health

6.7. Questions for SRC Member for Widening Access and Participation

Britt McArdle (BMc) had met with the incoming and outgoing Principal Ambassadors about cuts to the ambassador programme. It appeared to be difficult to get anything done. BMC had also been approached about a scheme to donate second hand books to local schools.

6.8. Questions for SRC Arts/Divinity Faculty President

6.9. Questions for SRC Science/Medicine Faculty President

6.10. Questions for SRC Postgraduate Academic Convener

6.11. Questions for SRC Postgraduate Development Convener

6.12. Questions for Principal Ambassador

6.13. Questions for Rector's Assessor

Camilla Duke (CD) said she would be meeting with the Proctor regarding sexual and gender based violence, taking forward action points from a motion from last year's Councils.

6.14. Questions for SRC Member Without Portfolio

## 7. Unfinished SRC Business

None

## 8. New SRC Business

8.1. R. 19-5 Motion to Update the University of St Andrews Students Association Constitution

NF introduced the motion, noting that it had already passed at SSC. There were no questions or debate on the motion and it **passed without dissent**.

8.2. R. 19-6 Motion to SRC Motion to Support the Reintroduction of Out of Hours services at the St Andrews Community Hospital

NF introduced the motion. He said it had been a little over a year since GP out of hours coverage at the Community Hospital had closed. In the meantime there had been some progress in forcing change. Originally, the April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Fife Health and Social Care Partnership board was going to take a decision, but the board felt not enough work had been done yet so there would be a delay. NF said this was not the best news, but felt a delay would be worth it to get the best solution.

NF said he would like to be able to back a solution on behalf of St Andrews students, and so he was asking SRC for their backing for this motion. The options might change a little bit, but they should still back the points made in the motion. Finally NF said that there would be a press release at the appropriate time.

The Chair opened the motion for questions. It was asked whether the positions and mandates of the original motion on this topic would continue to apply: PP confirmed that they would, except where explicitly superceded by the contents of this motion.

Members also asked about the views of the local community. NF said these were broadly similar, and that local people were also disappointed about the delay but understood the need if it was in the interests of achieving the best solution. PP said that in general, everyone is happy with the preferred option and the assumption is it will remain, but that the motion needed to account for the possibility that it could change. All the relevant people in the Association, including the Wellbeing Committee, were behind the motion.

There was no debate on the motion so the Chair proceeded to a vote: the motion was **passed without dissent**.

## **9. Any Other Competent Business**

Jack Rogan (JR) said he had booked a time and room for an Executive Committee meeting to decide on HLM nominations, 9:30-11:30am on 7<sup>th</sup> May. He also asked members to please try to manage time and deadlines. There was a discussion around requesting shelving for the Councils office.

## **10. Collaborative Solutions**

Not minuted.

## **Association Officer Reports**

### **Alumni Officer – Olivia Wiggins**

Applications for the Alumni Sub-Committee are now open and there has been a strong show of interest so far. The deadline for applications is 23/4/19. Interviews will be held in Week 11. I have also contacted the Faculty Presidents to express my interest in collaborating on careers events over the next academic year. I attended a de-brief meeting to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of Alumni Festival Weekend.

### **Community Relations Officer – Morgan Morris**

This week we have selected the new Community Relations Subcommittee for the next academic year, this will be released on Facebook over the next couple of days. We will be having our first meeting next week to discuss our goals for next year. I am still organising the visit from Durham University/Students Association, if anybody would like to take part please let me know.

### **Environment Officer – Lauren Davis**

Nothing too exciting to report other than that I will have my committee together by the end of week 9! I'm super keen to start working with my new team and get the ball rolling.

### **LGBT+ Officer – Parker Hansen**

I'll be having my AGM on the 24th, and applications for other positions have opened. Pride is this coming weekend, and it would be amazing if as much of councils as possible could show face. I'm meeting with Student Services and Registry Thursday to talk about trans students' transition into uni, which will be exciting. Events for next year are starting to get booked too.

## **Lifelong and Flexible Learners Officer – Sandra Mitchell**

No report submitted

### **SRC Reports**

#### **SRC Accommodation Officer – Charles Barker**

We had the Expert's Panel on renting in St. Andrews, which was very interesting and useful for those that went, but turnout wasn't great. Had two senior student forums, one with the depute head of RBS and one with Chris Lusk. Both were useful to see the grievances senior students have with the current system (eg policy regarding filing risk assessment forms seems to differ from hall to hall).

I'm currently still liaising with CAPOD to organise and improve the annual hall committee training, which is schedule to be on the 29th of April.

Applications for the accommodation subcommittee are still open until midnight on Tuesday.

#### **SRC Member for First Years – Polina Sevastyanova**

I have now introduced myself on the Class of 2023 Facebook group, made and organised some fresher chats on messenger for various subjects and am actively answering people's questions online

#### **SRC Member for Gender Equality – Leonor Capelier**

This week I have focused on collecting information needed for my comprehensive poster by contacting societies and compiling a list of support accessible myself. However I am still waiting on information from a few societies so I have not been able to progress with the design.

Last week I had my handover with Nick and am brainstorming ideas for a week of gender related events which raise awareness around International Women's day. Also, I am looking into developing an idea initiated by my predecessor on training all university staff on the usage of gender inclusive language.

#### **SRC Member for Racial Equality – Zoe Ruki**

No report submitted

#### **SRC Member for Students with Disabilities – Emily Muller**

No report submitted

#### **SRC Member for Student Health – Emma Walsh**

I've just finished up with overseeing Wellbeing Week and it went fairly smoothly. Thank you to all who helped! After that, I've started making contact with student services about a chronic illness support group. I have also emailed the sexual health rep for the NHS about plans to make the Sexual Health Clinic more accessible.

#### **SRC Member for Widening Access and Participation – Britt McArdle**

Since the last meeting I've met with both the outgoing (Emma) and incoming (Ben) Principal Ambassadors regarding the changes to the Student Ambassador pay/rota system. I'm hoping to hear from Emma again regarding everything we discussed following her meeting with the Principal Team, and then Beth from Admissions. It's definitely not going to be an easy issue to sort out (budget cuts coming from the very top as far as I understand it) but I'm still hopeful that by working together we can come to a better arrangement that isn't to the detriment of current and future Student Ambassadors. This, as well as the other things I'm passionate about implementing as MFWAAP, I look forward to discussing with Nick and Paloma at our meeting this coming Wednesday.

#### **SRC Arts/Divinity Faculty President – Gianluca Giammei/Sophia Rommel**

Nothing to report. – Gianluca

I am attending our handover meeting today, which I am looking forward to. Aside from the handover meeting, I have nothing to report. -Sophia

#### **SRC Science/Medicine Faculty President – Alisa Danilenko/Dennis Goodtzov**

I have been involved in choosing the winners of the teaching awards this year, which was so difficult because all the nominations I read through were incredible. Other than that, on April 11th I attended a meeting with the ingoing/outgoing faculty presidents and DoEds. The purpose of this meeting was to hear about what things went well and what didn't this passing year. A general consensus was reached towards trying to offer school presidents more help and being more transparent with students about our own roles, as well as the assistance we can offer to other students. We also discussed holding more social and informative events aimed at postgrads to help them integrate themselves more easily during the time they are here.

In the SciMed Faculty, I would like to expand the reach of ideas such as the 'happiness wall' and wellbeing days that have been done in physics to every school in the faculty. It was also concluded that 'Wellbeing Day' type events work much better when they are specific to the school and problems that students face studying that specific topic, due to the aspect of empathy that is shared among attendees. This was successfully done in physics and with the combined efforts of the faculty and school presidents, separate events in each school may serve replace the general wellbeing type events targeted at all university students. This is something I will follow up on and plan at the beginning of next semester.

One final point discussed although perhaps outside the scope of (only) my influence is the agenda of Student Services. There have been a number of alarming posts on social media



associated with the university (eg Crushes, Fessdrews etc.) directing negativity towards SS, and with the reactions being overwhelmingly in support of the poster. One example focuses on the apparent attitude of SS being that of 'no problem is too small' but when contacted about a problem the first response received from student services is (very bluntly): 'get a doctor's note if your problem is real'. This is something I personally sympathise with. Another common complaint is that students who may be in desperate need of a Student services appointment (for reasons of mental health, or timing, etc.) are often told to wait 2-3 weeks for an appointment. I have heard experiences of students who called seeking an appointment and after being told to wait 3 weeks, approached their adviser of studies who then called on their behalf and had an appointment allocated the same day. I acknowledge the good work that SS do but in my opinion there is a need for a change and this is something I'd like to discuss further with the DoWell, Member for student health and anyone else who may feel similar. Wellbeing is without a doubt the most crucial component to a successful university experience (academic or otherwise), so I think it's necessary to improve. - Dennis

#### **SRC Postgraduate Academic Convener – Ashley Clayton/Emma Whitefield**

No report submitted

#### **SRC Postgraduate Development Officer – Courtney Aitken/Ana-Maria Neferu**

The handover period between Ana and I is underway. Postgraduate Development Group will reconvene at the end of the month. Nothing else to report. – Courtney

I am in the process of arranging an informal meeting with Emma, the Incoming PG Academic Convener. I am in touch with CAPOD regarding scheduling the PGR Inductions for next academic year. – Ana

#### **Principal Ambassador – Emma Thompson/Ben McAuley**

In the last two weeks, the Student Ambassadors have welcomed nearly 2000 prospective students to the University.

A particular mention should be given to the Offer Holder Day which was held for the first time last Saturday. The day was a great success so thank you to all students who helped out as Ambassadors, at the student life fayre, and at everything else that was going on that day.

There are some First Chances workshops still to take place in the last few weeks of the semester which Ambassadors will be involved in, and preparations are well underway for the Summer Schools which start at the beginning of June.

Tomorrow is our final Visiting Day of the academic year and the last at which myself and the new Vice Principals will be shadowing the outgoing Principal Team. We will finalise our training in May in preparation for handover on the 1st June.

## **Rectors Assessor – Camilla Duke**

We closed applications for the Rector's Fund last week, and we are working on selecting applicants for interviews. Paloma, Nick, and I are also working on the action points of the motion to combat Sexual and Gender-Based Violence in St Andrews that was passed by the last councils in February.

## **SRC Member without Portfolio – Rowan Wishart**

No report submitted

### ***R 19-5 - SRC Motion to update the University of St Andrews Students' Association Constitution***

**Owner: Nick Farrer**

**In effect from: 16th April 2019**

**Review: 16th April 2019**

#### **This SRC Notes:**

1. That the Constitution of the Students' Association does not reflect current practice in several areas, to be detailed below.
2. That changes to the Constitution must be approved by Councils and the Association Board, approved by the University Court, and notified to the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR).

#### **This SRC Believes:**

1. That the Constitution is an important document and must be kept up to date.
2. That the changes noted below allow the good functioning of the Association.

#### **This SRC Resolves:**

1. To approve the changes below and keep the Constitution under review and up to date in future.

Proposed: Nick Farrer, Director of Wellbeing

Seconded: Paloma Paige, Association President

Alice Foulis, Director of Education

Parker Hansen, Association LGBT+ Officer

## Appendix 1: Changes and rationale

1. On page 5, point 1, there is a reference to 'three elected non-sabbatical Officers of the Association including the Association Chair' as being members of the Students' Association Board. The Chair is no longer a member of the Board. As such, the text should be amended to read 'two elected non-sabbatical Officers of the Association', and the words 'including the Association Chair' should be deleted.
2. On page 5, point 5, it is explained that the Chairperson of the SAB 'shall be elected annually [...] from among the non-student members'. It has been custom and practice for many years to restrict this so that the appointees of the University Court are not eligible for this position. The text 'excluding the appointees of the University Court' should therefore be added.
3. On page 5, point 8, there is a sentence reading 'he/she will recuse himself/herself'. This text should be amended to read 'that person will recuse themselves'.
4. On page 6, point 9, the text 'or if unable to do so should recuse themselves' should be added after 'act as Trustees of the Association'.
5. On page 8, point 5, part ii, there is a reference to 'the Union Council'. This text should be amended to become plural and a reference to the Executive committee added ('the Union Councils or Executive committee').

## ***R 19-6 - SRC Motion to Support the Reintroduction of Out of Hours services at the St Andrews Community Hospital***

**Owner:** Nicholas Farrer

**In effect from:** 16th April 2019

**Review:** 16th April 2019

### **Councils Notes:**

- 1) One year ago, on Monday the 16th of April 2018, GP out of hours services in Fife changed to be run only at Victoria hospital in Kirkcaldy as a contingency measure reacting to a Fife-wide shortage of GPs.<sup>1</sup>
- 2) Over 6,000 people signed a petition to keep the service in St Andrews.<sup>2</sup>
- 3) Local MPs, MSPs, Councillors, Community Councillors, University staff, and Joint Councils condemned the move and committed to a campaign to resist the closure.<sup>3</sup>
- 4) In December the Fife Health and Social Care Partnership (FHSCP) acknowledged that there needed to be some out of hours service in St Andrews, and a participation request filed under the Community Engagement Act allowed representatives from NE Fife Community Councils, the University, and the Student's Association to take part in workshops designing the solution the FHSCP would consider.<sup>4</sup>
- 5) The Courier ran an article on March 30th 2019 entitled "*St Andrews out-of-hours GP service thrown possible lifeline*", reading:  
*"A proposal which has emerged would see GPs and clinicians based at St Andrews Community Hospital on weekdays until 10pm, on Saturdays from 8am to midnight and on Sundays from 10am to 8pm.  
Clinicians would make home visits but the urgent care centre would open when an appointment was necessary.  
  
Details are yet to be finalised but it is expected the option will be presented to the partnership's integration joint board in April for approval."*<sup>5</sup>
- 6) Willie Rennie MSP said "the officials at the Partnership have come up with a smart, innovative solution".<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.fifetoday.co.uk/news/health/frustration-over-decision-to-stop-out-of-hours-service-at-st-andrews-hospital-1-4723240>

<sup>2</sup> <https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/keep-gp-out-of-hours-services-in-st-andrews?source=facebook-share-button&time=1535537016>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.fifetoday.co.uk/news/health/frustration-over-decision-to-stop-out-of-hours-service-at-st-andrews-hospital-1-4723240>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.thecourier.co.uk/fp/news/local/fife/775067/nhs-fife-considers-out-of-hours-participation-request/>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.thecourier.co.uk/fp/news/local/fife/859230/st-andrews-out-of-hours-gp-service-thrown-possible-lifeline/>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/WillieRennieFife/photos/pb.991011937617366.-2207520000.1554916952./2321929617858918/?type=3&theater>

**Councils Believes:**

- 1) The closure of GP out of hours services presents a serious threat to the health of all residents of St Andrews, whether they be permanently settled or students.
- 2) The FHSCP should be praised for their work trying to rectify the situation after the initially flawed consultation process.
- 3) The option put before the Integration Joint Board (IJB) in the next few months should be endorsed as a satisfactory solution to this issue, on the basis that:
  - a) North East Fife needs more hours of coverage.
  - b) It's important that staff can open the hospital overnight when triaged appropriately.
  - c) The staffing model emphasising clinicians (over use of GPs) is consistent with the Fife-wide sustainable staffing model that the FHSCP is following.

**Councils Resolves**

- 1) To enthusiastically endorse an option being put to the IJB by the FHSCP, on the basis of 'Councils Believes: Point 3'.
- 2) To praise the option as an intelligent and satisfactory solution to the problems of the past year.
- 3) For the Association President to issue a press release, making the public aware of this council's resolution.

**Proposed:**

Nicholas Farrer, Director of Wellbeing

Paloma Paige, Association President

**Seconded**

Camilla Duke, Rector's Assessor

Emma Walsh, Member for Student Health

Emily Muller, Member for Students with Disabilities

## Appendix 1:

### **J.18-2: A Motion to Resist the Loss of GP Out of Hours Services at St Andrews Community Hospital**

**Owner: Nicholas Farrer**

**In effect from: 18th September 2018**

**Review: 18th September 2018**

#### **Councils Notes:**

1. The Fife Health and Social Care Partnership (hereafter 'FHSCP') write "we need to change" with regards to out of hours urgent care. Both new changes proposed by the FHSCP involve making the current closure of GP out of hours services in St Andrews Community Hospital permanent. They propose these overnight services are moved to Kirkcaldy, or both Dunfermline and Kirkcaldy.
2. The FHSCP write: "The urgent care centres described [in both new options] are both within a one-hour drive for everyone in Fife."
3. The majority of students do not own a car nor have one immediately accessible. According to government statistics, only 2% of students aged 17-24 drive to education. (The Office for National Statistics noted that 79% of households have at least one car or van)
4. The University "has decided to actively encourage alternative forms of transport by staff and students rather than the car."
5. After 8:45pm on a weekday, every journey to Kirkcaldy by bus takes at least two hours and requires at least two buses. The last journey of the day departs at 9:30pm and arrives at 11:38pm. The next journey departs 6:05 am the next morning and arrives at 7:20am.
6. One quote for taxi fare from St Andrews to Victoria Hospital, Kirkcaldy on a weekday at 10pm was £65.45.
7. There are no mention of plans for increasing ambulance cover in Fife in the FHSCP proposals.
8. Some staff at the university testify waiting 40 minutes for an ambulance to appear, even in serious emergencies.
9. Principal Sally Mapstone has noted "significant risks" surrounding the move and labelled it a "grave concern".
10. MP Stephen Gethins said that "it is important that local provision is reinstated as quickly as possible."
11. With regards to the closure, North East Fife MSP Willie Rennie said it was "unacceptable that people in east Fife are being treated this way".
12. Chairman of the St Andrews Community Council. Callum McLeod, said: "This news is very disturbing and disappointing indeed.

13. St Andrews Councillors Brian Thompson, Jane Ann Liston, and Dominic Nolan have highlighted concerns about the closure
14. In 2012, 20.5% of the North East Fife population was over 65. 27.5% of the North East Fife population is projected to be over 65 in 2026.
15. The Consultation Period Ends on the 7th of October

#### **Councils Believes:**

1. That the permanent closure of GP out of hours services presents a serious threat to the health of all residents of St Andrews, whether they be settled residents, students or staff of the University,
2. The proposed reliance on cars to access out of hours treatment leaves the student population highly vulnerable because the vast majority of students have no access to a car, because of the cost of travel to Kirkcaldy in a taxi is inaccessible to many, and because public transport is sparse during the later hours of the evening.
3. In addition, the proposed reliance on cars leaves many of the town's resident population, particularly the elderly without access to a car, highly vulnerable.
4. The Students Association should condemn the proposals to permanently shut the GP out of hours service at the St Andrews Community Hospital as being extremely dangerous.

#### **Councils Resolves:**

1. To urge all students to participate in the consultation process, to state their preference for the 'no change' option, and to explain why any closure places them at risk here. The link is: [https://www.fifedirect.org.uk/formFinder/index.cfm?fuseaction=form.Question&Form\\_id=E491032-04D7-7F93-DABC1E138656ED18](https://www.fifedirect.org.uk/formFinder/index.cfm?fuseaction=form.Question&Form_id=E491032-04D7-7F93-DABC1E138656ED18)
2. To urge all students to sign any petitions resisting the closure, including: <https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/keep-gp-out-of-hours-services-in-st-andrews?source=facebook-share-button&time=1535537016>
3. To urge any student who has relied on GP out of hours service to write to [president@st-andrews.ac.uk](mailto:president@st-andrews.ac.uk) and [dowell@st-andrews.ac.uk](mailto:dowell@st-andrews.ac.uk) to testify their experience.
4. To urge all students to attend the public consultation meeting on the proposals on Monday the 24th September at 6:45pm in the St Andrews Town Hall.
5. To mandate each individual Councillor and Subcommittee member to complete the consultation.
6. To compel the Sabbatical Officers of the Students Association to cooperate with the University, our MP, our MSPs, our Councillors, the St Andrews Community Council, and the Community Councils of the East Fife area to resist the change however possible.
7. To compel the President to write to the Chair of the Health Board and the Minister for Public Health, Sport and Wellbeing informing them of our position.
8. To compel the President and Director of Wellbeing to organise door-to-door activists to inform our neighbours of the proposals, the consultation, and have them sign the petition - beginning Saturday the 22nd of September.



**Proposed by:** Nicholas Farrer, Director of Wellbeing

**Seconded by:** Paloma Paige, Association President;

Jamie Minns, Director of Student Development and Activities;

Adam Powrie, Director of Events and Services;

Alice Foulis, Director of Education;

Fiona Murray, Athletic Union President;

Zelda Tobias-Kotytk, Association LGBT+ Officer

### **'Councils Notes' Sources:**

Points 1, 2 & 7 - (FHSCP) <http://www.fifehealthandsocialcare.org/joiningupcare/out-of-hours-urgent-care-redesign/>

Point 3 - (Government statistics - Students who drive) [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/306500/young-car-drivers-2012.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/306500/young-car-drivers-2012.pdf)

Point 3 - (ONS statistics - Households with cars) <https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/personalandhouseholdfinances/expenditure/datasets/percentageofhouseholdswithcarsbyincomegrouptenureandhouseholdcompositionuktable47>

Point 4 - (University stance on driving) <https://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/environment/sustainabletravel/travellingbycar/studentcars/>

Point 5 - (Bus times) <https://www.stagecoachbus.com/plan-a-journey/>

Corroborated by Google Maps route finder

Point 6 - (Taxi Fare) <https://yourtaximeter.com/>

Points 8 & 9 - (Waiting times for ambulances, Principal Sally Mapstone's statement) <http://www.thesaint-online.com/2018/05/principal-mapstone-labels-closure-of-out-of-hours-gp-services-a-grave-concern/>

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