



University of St Andrews Students' Association Student Services Council

AGENDA

Tuesday 31st October 2017- Committee Room – 5:30 pm

1. Adoption of the Agenda

2. Apologies for Absence

2.1. Sam Ross

5. Open Forum

6. Reports of Sabbatical Officers

- 6.1. Report of the Association Director of Events & Services
- 6.2. Report of the Association Director of Wellbeing
- 6.3. Report of the Athletic Union President
- 6.4. Report of the Association President
- 6.5. Report of the Association Director of Education
- 6.6. Report of the Association Director of Student Development & Activities

7. Questions for Subcommittees

- 7.1. Questions for Association Community Relations Committee
- 7.2. Questions for Association Environment Committee
- 7.3. Questions for Association LGBT+ Committee
- 7.4. Questions for SSC Postgraduate Committee
- 7.5. Questions for SSC Broadcasting Committee
- 7.6. Questions for SSC Charities Committee
- 7.7. Questions for SSC Entertainments Committee
- 7.8. Questions for SSC Employability Committee
- 7.9. Questions for SSC Debates Committee
- 7.10. Questions for SSC Design & PR Committee
- 7.11. Questions for SSC Music Committee
- 7.12. Questions for SSC Performing Arts Committee
- 7.13. Questions for SSC Societies Committee
- 7.14. Questions for SSC Volunteering Committee
- 7.15. Questions for SSC On The Rocks Committee
- 7.16. Questions for SSC Member without Portfolio
- 7.17. Any Other Competent Questions

8. Unfinished General Business

9. New General Business

- 9.1. S. 17-4 A Motion to make non-alcoholic drinks available at subcommittee events where alcoholic drinks are served with no charge

10. Any Other Competent Business

11. Collaborative Solutions

S. 17-4 Motion to Make Non-Alcoholic Drinks available at Subcommittee Events where Alcoholic Drinks are Served with No Charge

This SSC Notes:

- That often activities are organised by subcommittees of the Students' Association with free alcohol available to attendees.
- Only 56.9% of people in the UK drink alcohol, and of this, 16-24 year olds are least likely age group to drink. ¹
- The Union is a space where all members should be made to feel welcome.

This SSC Believes:

- Providing non-alcoholic drinks at all subcommittee and Union run events where free drink is provided will encourage those who abstain from consuming alcohol to get involved.
- Making non-alcoholic options freely available to members will reduce the pressure on participants to drink alcoholic beverages.
- Providing an alternative to alcoholic drinks may decrease the amount of alcohol related incidents occurring within the building (including vomiting and aggressive behaviour).

This SSC Resolves:

- SRC and SSC subcommittees must purchase and provide non-alcoholic options for events where free beverages are served.
- Non-alcoholic options must include water plus at least one other drink.

Proposed: Hannah Jacobs, Director of Events and Services

Seconded: Zachary Davis, Director of Education; Charlotte Flatley, Director of Student Development and Activities; Flora Rowe, SSC Broadcasting Officer

References

¹Dr Ben Windsor-Shellard. (2017). *Adult drinking habits in Great Britain: 2005 to 2016*. Available: <https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/healthandsocialcare/drugusealcoholandsmoking/bulletins/opinionsandlifestylesurveyadultdrinkinghabitsingreatbritain/2005to2016>. Last accessed 27th October 2017.

SSC REPORTS

Association Alumni Officer-Sam Ross

- have recruited a few societies for events over AFW
- reached out to acapella, Celtic society and chapel choir to discuss AFW events
- created a mentoring group on Saint Connect for people to join to as mentors / mentees
- preparing for second mentoring drop in session (3rd November, 2pm - 4pm)

Association Community Relations Officer- Hannah Raleigh

-Beach cleanup scheduled for Thursday 19.10 with SVS cancelled and due to be rescheduled after ILW due to Hurricane Ophelia -- keep an eye out for a new date!

-Beach cleanup scheduled for Sunday 5 November with Environment Subcommittee as a part of Green Week is still on at the moment!

-Plans continue to move ahead for St Andrews Day -- more food vendors and musical performance groups are showing interest every day! We are struggling to find societies/other student groups to operate stalls, though, so if your subcom would be keen to volunteer for an hour or two on 2 December, we'd love to have you!

-Councillor John Jardine of the Community Council has requested student volunteers to operate a poppy sales booth for an hour a day outside Morrison's for the week of 6-10 November from 14:00-15:00. Some of you have already shown interest (thank you!), but if you haven't and are keen, John will take as many of us as he can get!

-There is an annual Christmas event hosted by Community Council for the elderly members of the St Andrews population coming up on 15 December from 13:30-15:30. Again, John has asked that I recruit some red gown-wearing student volunteers to come and mingle with the locals -- some of us turn out every year, and it would be awesome to have a strong showing! Please contact me if you're interested.

Association Environment Officer- Clare Grist

It's Green Week this week! Please come along to all our fun events! We've posted programmes for each of the days on our Facebook page so take a look at that if you want to come along to things. Thanks to everyone who wanted to get involved!

Association LGBT+ Officer-Ryan Hay

- > Plans with Wellbeing in progress for World AIDS Day.
- > TransFest is on its wayyyyyyyyy and we're getting some amazing queer artists across from Glasgow and I think it's going to be literally incredible, with venues from Union to Byre to Arts Building and the Pier. Hype. Risk assessments in the works.
- > Tonight we are in 601/Stage hosting the Halloween Club Night w/ Just So and it's going to be spooky and just a little bit seductive - I'm really excited, and grateful to Hannah for all her help in making it cool.
- > Claire had an amazing breakthrough this week so we'll be launching our ALL NEW Welfare systems in the next few weeks, which I'm so so excited about.
- > Planning alumni event, and the Queer Fest lineup is being set in stone so if you want to collaborate on QF now's your last chance!

SSC Broadcasting Officer- Flora Rowe

STAR has been getting into the swing of things and the shows have been going really well. There are a couple of technical glitches at the moment but I am sure it is something Tom can work out. We are currently working towards Christmas and trying to organise another social for all the show hosts. Hearing Aid will shortly be sent for print and the launch will be in the upcoming weeks also. T-Shirts will hopefully be on the way!

The committee all seem great so STAR seems to be all good!

SSC Charities Officer-Jamie Minns

Halls bought up Charities Campaign shaving foam by the VW Golf-load (literally). Following the election of a Campaign Sports Officer, we're very much looking forward to more AU collabs. CATWALK have their launch in Beacon on 2nd Nov. Race2 have sold their last few tickets. We're ready to launch our new partnership with Everyday Hero, a fundraising platform that has just bought out JustGiving - we're very excited about this! Aside from this - we have lots in the pipeline, from 601 club nights to a Charities careers event - very busy!

SSC Employability Officer-Pat Shareefy

- Supporting modern languages department to organise careers event
- Liaison with careers centre

Nothing else to report!

SSC Debates Officer- Ru Ferguson

I have been working on our upcoming events for after independent learning week including our debates on capitalism, the press, and our upcoming speaker event.

We are also holding our annual schools competition on 11 November. Over 100 school students from across Scotland will come and compete in our competition and this is supported by volunteers from the UDS - who willingly give up their weekend to help out. I should also note that we are always very appreciative of the support that we receive from the Union, especially the DOES, as it would not be possible to arrange the event without their help.

As part of our increasing access programme, we are expanding fee wavers to disadvantaged schools and will be working with university admissions to introduce an additional training day for state schools students in Fife.

SSC Design Team Convener – Paloma Paige

Since Joint Councils Meeting, we held our Photography Workshop on 18 Oct and had a satisfactory turnout. We have not held Adobe Workshops or committee meetings, but I have continued to hold my office hours during which we have received more design requests.

We have been planning our Halloween Workshop (this is to be held on Mon 30 Oct so by the time we meet I will be able to comment on its outcome) where we will be leading a couple of different craft projects, including some which will be for the purpose of the "Nightmare at the Union" photo booth. On that note, I encourage you to spread the word that the Design Team is hosting this photo booth and also to check out the FB event for our Halloween workshop.

In addition to these events, we are also holding Design Volunteer Training from 14-18 on Wednesday 1 Nov in the Design Suite. We are advertising this as compulsory training for

anyone wishing to continue being a Design volunteer for us. This is an attempt to 1) articulate and demystify the process of taking on projects through Trello 2) encourage volunteers to participate more actively and regularly, feel they are part of a team, take on a certain level of responsibility regarding project uptake and professionalism 3) create personal connections between committee members and volunteers so that neither is so anonymous to the other and also so as to support the first two aims.

SSC Entertainments Convener- Antonia Wade

We have been continuing with events and training. We are delighted that new members of Ents are now running significant components and are learning quickly. We will be holding more training soon, so if anyone would like basic training for their committee then please send over an email! We look forward to the upcoming plays and musicals in the stage.

SSC Member without Portfolio- Kevin Phelan

I will be putting up a poll soon to find the best date in week 8 for a councils brunch in the union! Also working on Christmas dinner plans.

SSC Music Officer- Marcell Kovacs

- We finally have an almost complete committee
- We had a successful collab with STAR (as always)
- Looks like we finally got hold of the email account
- The Wellbeing collab event is in the making, it'll probably be on the 8th of November
 - It'll be a rebranded Open Mic, so to speak
- We keep getting more and more collab requests (I lost count)
- We're planning to launch a workshop series on different aspects of *music*
 - The first one will probably be an electronic music workshop by me, but it's yet to be discussed

SSC Arts Festival Convenor- Sneha Nair

Summary:

- Held meetings with Development office to finalize Patron pack and acquire new Patrons for the 2018 festival
- Have begun receiving OTR event applications for the Festival. Contact with student societies is complete, and we have begun reaching out to non-student groups to participate in the Festival
- Acquired venue and participants for Semester 1 Event, the event itself is well into the planning stages, and is on schedule so far.
- Continued brainstorming ideas for OTR-run and Community & Outreach Festival events. Community and Outreach is hosting the first OTR event of the academic year with a crafting workshop collaborating with Transition for Green Week.
- Committee members spoke with student publications and produced several articles to promote Event Applications and the Semester 1 Event
- As always, Event Applications are open
- Continuing Programming Office Hours (3-5pm, Wednesdays in the Main Bar)

Plans:

- Begin reaching out to approved Patron candidates to invite them to patron the 2018 festival
- Continue putting out press releases and Exec committee interviews for Event Applications (September 25th-November 19th)
- Continue searching for new sponsors and applying for grants
- Continue developing Patron pack
- Continue planning Semester 1 Event
- Continue planning OTR events for the Festival (6 April-15 April 2018)
- Continue Programming Office Hours

SSC Performing Arts Officer- Matthew Lansdell

Mermaids has been having a great semester so far. We've had some excellent shows go up, with student writing and professional writing getting shown off in the Barron. This week we have our Byre show, And Then There Were None. This show is part of the larger celebrations regarding the Mermaids 100th anniversary. We have a whole weekend of events planned with some super cool alumni giving a talk and free wine, cupcakes and brunch also being offered. It's a great way to celebrate our rich history, and I invite you all to stop by any of our events to learn more about it! We also had a very successful Christmas Ball launch event in Beacon Bar, with this year being the first year we've tried an event like this. People seem to be really excited about the ball and ticket sale information will be released soon. We are currently looking into getting the Barron rewired and hopefully continue to renovate the space.

SSC Postgraduate Officer- Jennifer Bre

Nothing to report!

SSC Societies Officer-Pia Szabo

Socs had a quiet reading week but got a few more new society requests; include a Hamish McHamish Society proposal!

If you want to work with societies, let me know! They're entitled to grants, which we're happy to give to fund subcom/society collaborative events!

SSC Volunteering Officer-Natasha Bateman

Apart from those volunteers waiting on PVGs, all our other volunteers have started their respective projects- exciting! We do still have spaces open on some of our projects- particularly looking for people to help with TechnoSMART and any males keen to be a befriender.

We have two events this coming weekend: MUSA arts and crafts session and a Befriending coffee morning. Continuing on from last year, we are hosting our first bimonthly arts and crafts session at MUSA. The theme this weekend is 'Bonfire Night' and we have targeted it at youth- particularly the youth that we work with from our specific projects e.g. Families First, Scouts and Cosmos. Our Befriending coffee morning is an event to say a BIG thank you to our befriending volunteers as it is Befriending Week from 1st-7th November.

We are also in the midst of planning our rescheduled Careers Talk, which should be hosted on November 17th, and we are planning a sanitary product drive at Tesco's in conjunction with Storehouse, our local foodbank (hopefully on the same day-17th).

Finally, SVS are helping out with two Cloak rooms this month as part of our fundraising, one is on Tuesday 31st at 'House of Horrors' and the other is on November 11th at Welly Ball.