



**University of St Andrews
Students' Association
Student Services Council**

MINUTES

Tuesday 10th November 2020 – MS Teams – 6pm

Present

Member's Name	Position
Tom Groves	Association Director of Events and Services
Emma Walsh	Association Director of Wellbeing
Sophie Tyler	Association Athletic Union President
Morgan Morris	Association Chair
Emily Gilson	Association Alumni Officer
Anna Young	Association Community Relations Officer
Lea Weimann	Association Environment Officer
Georgina Beeby	Association LGBT+ Officer
Ananya Jain	Association BAME Officer
Anna Harris	SSC Broadcasting Officer (STAR)
Amy Feakes	SSC Charities Officer (Charities Campaign)
Edward Spencer	SSC Design Team Convener
Martin Caforio	SSC Performing Arts Officer (Mermaids)
Toni Valencia	SSC Member Without Portfolio
Avery Kitchens	SSC Societies Officer
Cara Nicholson	SSC Volunteering Officer (SVS)

In Attendance

Iain Cupples HR Manager

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted.

2. Apologies for Absence.

Dan Marshall	Association President	Apologies
Gavin Sandford	Association Director of Student Development and Activities	Apologies
Amy Gallacher	Association Director of Education	Absent
Jenny Menday	Association Lifelong and Flexible Learners Officer	Absent
Zaine Mansuralli	SSC Debates Officer (UDS)	Absent
Ali Addison	SSC Music Officer (Music Fund)	Absent
Sam Ross	SSC Postgraduate Officer (Postgraduate Society)	Absent

3. Open Forum

No business.

4. Reports of the Sabbatical Officers

4.1. Report of the Association President

Absent.

4.2. Report of the Association Director of Wellbeing

Emma Walsh (EW) has been working on Got Limits, which is the newest StAnd Together project and is relevant to the SSC because they are eager to collaborate with SSC Subcommittees and get their message out. EW participated in the Race and Religion working group and did work with Equally Safe, which has an event in the coming week and will be posted in the Councils Facebook group. EW is also teaming up with religious groups to get religious equality represented in Equal Opportunities because it does not have a Councils position. EW noted that Report and Support has launched this week and encouraged councillors to share it so that the University can understand trends and offer support to survivors even years after an assault. EW is now looking ahead to next year's Association elections and giving feedback on the voting portal to IT Services. On behalf of Dan Marshall (DM), EW reminded councillors that this week is Accommodation Week.

4.3. Report of the Association Director of Education

Absent.

4.4. Report of the Athletic Union President

Sophie Tyler (ST) will be working on the impact of Tier 3 restrictions for the coming future. They noted that the Athletic Union had their first Green Week Sport group and planning for second semester. The AU also did an LGBT+ survey and will be reviewing what they can do to offer support to athletes wanting to do competitions and are transgender. In the coming weeks ST will also be attending committee forums.

4.5. Report of the Association Director of Events & Services

Tom Groves (TG) noted that the Design Team can now access their cupboard, and they also now have six new photographer passes for future events. Bars will now have to close at 6pm, which means that some events will have to be cancelled and TG is looking to see how this will further impact events and services offered by the Union. TG noted that the field behind the Union is now available on the room booking system, and is working on a review of the Union's discipline procedure. Applications for the On The Rocks Convener have opened and TG said they have already received one application.

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

Absent.

5. Questions for Association Officers

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

Anna Young (AY) has been working on filming for their Community Conversation series and is looking to organise a St Andrews Day programme in the Can Do tent. AY will also be working on a Bike Light campaign as the town gets darker earlier.

- 5.3. Questions for Association LGBT+ Officer
- 5.4. Questions for Association Lifelong and Flexible Learners Officer

Absent.

- 5.5. Questions for Association Environment Officer

Lea Weimann (LW) noted that the new draft of the Environmental Sustainability Strategy for the University is now out for review and there is a consultation form available, which will be brought to Joint Councils next week.

- 5.6. Questions for Association BAME Officer

6. Questions for SSC Members

- 6.1. Questions for SSC Broadcasting Officer (STAR)
- 6.2. Questions for SSC Charities Officer (Charities Campaign)
- 6.3. Questions for SSC Debates Officer (UDS)

Absent.

- 6.4. Questions for SSC Performing Arts Officer (Mermaids)

Martin Caforio (MC) said that things are moving forward with Mermaids events allowed by Tier 3 restrictions, including opportunities with the Byre Theatre and planning for the season next year.

- 6.5. Questions for SSC Postgraduate Officer (Postgraduate Society)

Absent.

6.6. Questions for SSC Societies Officer

Avery Kitchens (AK) has been working with DM on the Societies section of the University's Strategic Plan, and venturing through past data should be completed by the end of the week.

6.7. Questions for SSC Music Officer (Music Fund)

Absent.

6.8. Questions for SSC Volunteering Officer (SVS)

6.9. Questions for SSC Design Officer (Design Team)

6.10. Questions for SSC Entertainments Convener (ENTS)

6.11. Questions for SSC Arts Festival Convener (On the Rocks)

Currently vacant.

6.12. Questions for SSC Member without Portfolio

7. Any Other Competent Questions

None.

8. Unfinished General Business

None.

9. New General Business

None.

10. Any Other Competent Business

None.

11. Collaborative Solutions

Not minuted.