



University of St Andrews Students' Association Student Services Council

MINUTES

Tuesday 27th October – Committee Room – 6 pm

Present

Member's Name	Position
Charlotte Andrews	Association Alumni Officer
Zara Evans	Association Chair
Clare Armstrong	Association Community Relations Officer
Chris MacRae	Association Director of Events and Services
Alice Pickthall	Association Environment and Ethics Officer
Pat Matthewson	Association President
Sarah Thompson	Athletic Union President
Amy Christison	SSC Charities Officer
Alyssa Muzyk	SSC Debates Officer
Lavin Ge Tian	SSC Entertainments Convenor
Tierney Riordan	SSC External Funding Officer
Annabel Romanos	SSC Member without Portfolio
Caroline Christie	SSC On the Rocks Convener
Jo Bowman	SSC Performing Arts Officer
Aline Heyerick	SSC Postgraduate Officer
Robert Dixon	SSC Societies Officer
Julian Valladares Urruela	SSC Volunteering Officer

In Attendance

Ilaria Gidoro	Education and Representation Co-ordinator (Minutes)
Anna Kennedy-O'Brien	Societies Committee
Chase Lawrence Hopkins	Societies Committee

Absent

Member's Name	Position
Karla McDougall	SSC Design Team Convener
Ipek Ozsoy	SSC Music Officer

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted without dissent.

2. Apologies for Absence

Member's Name	Position	Reason
Joe Tantillo	Association Director of Representation	
Kyle Blain	Association Director of Student Development and Activities	
Sigrid Jorgensen	Association LGBT Officer	
Bruce Kerr	SSC Broadcasting Officer	

The apologies were accepted without dissent.

3. Adoption of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting would be circulated by email.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

N/A

5. Open Forum

There was nothing in the open forum.

6. Reports of the Sabbatical Officers

6.1 Report of the Association President

Mr Mathewson said that he was going to have a meeting with Northern Services. He was working on communication strategy. He also informed that he was negotiating with RBS on rents. On 11 November, they would prepare a longlist for the post of the Principal.

6.2 Report of the Association Director of Events and Services

Mr MacRae reported that Hot Dub went well. He reminded of sinners and the Halloween event coming soon. He also informed that the PR team would start working the following week. Next semester he would run a 'Battle of the Bands' competition and was looking for people to get involved. Lastly, the Design Team was looking for a vice-president.

6.3 Report of the Association Director of Representation

A report from Mr Tantillo was read in absentia. The previous week they screened the film *The Hunting Ground* in the Byre Theatre and the event went very well and the director was impressed with the StAnd Together initiative. They had many applications to join the new StAnd together committee as a result of the success of the event, and would be conducting interviews the following day. Mr Tantillo informed that AGMs would be held to elect the spokespeople for the two campaign teams for the NUS Referendum. Finally, he asked all to send him feedback on the newly refurbished Butts Wynd computer classroom, if they had used it.

Action: All relevant people to send Mr Tantillo feedback on Butts Wynd computer classrooms.

6.4 Report of the Association Director of Student Development & Activities

Mr Blain was absent.

6.5 Report of the Athletic Union President

Ms Thompson informed that the deadline for applications for the international projects had been extended.

7. Questions for Subcommittees

7.1 Questions for Association Alumni Committee

Ms Andrews reminded all to submit events for the Alumni weekend by 6 November.

7.2. Questions for Association Community Relations Committee

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7.3. Questions for Association Environment & Ethics Committee

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7.4 Questions for Association LGBT Committee

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7.5 Questions for SSC Postgraduate Committee

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7.6. Questions for SSC Broadcasting Committee

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7.7 Questions for SSC Charities Committee

Ms Christison informed that the ball sold out. 180 people signed up for the Race 2.

7.8 Questions for SSC Entertainments Committee

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7.9. Questions for SSC External Funding Committee

Ms Riordan stated that some applications for funding had not been approved and they were applying for others.

7.10 Questions for SSC Debates Committee

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7.11 Questions for SSC Design & PR Committee

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7.12. Questions for SSC Music Committee

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7.13 Questions for SSC Performing Arts Committee

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7.14 Questions for SSC Societies Committee

Mr Dixon informed they had been giving some grants. He also reminded of the re-affiliation deadline.

7.15 Questions for SSC Volunteering Committee

Mr Urruela informed that they were looking for a technology officer. They were running some projects and planning some events for RAG week.

7.16. Any Other Competent Questions

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8. Unfinished General Business

There was no unfinished general business.

9. New General Business

9.1. J.15-24-A Motion to Devolve Affiliation Discretion to the Societies Committee

This SSC and SRC note:

- The Laws of Association restrict the SSC Societies Committee's discretion over which organisations may be affiliated to the Association as Societies.

This SSC and SRC believe:

- The Societies Committee's remit includes the determination of the Association's Policy with respect to affiliated Societies, which it is unable to effectively undertake without discretion over what organisations may be affiliated.
- Some of the restrictions introduced on the basis of OSCR regulations are more restrictive than the regulations actually require.
- A Societies Committee elected with a mandate of changing affiliation regulations should have the ability to affect such a mandate.

This SSC and SRC resolve:

- To strike from chapter 9 of the Laws of the Association §2.2, §2.3, and §2.4
- To insert into chapter 9 a new §2.5.4 with the text "Any other conditions that the SSC Societies Committee may adopt".

Proposed on the Recommendation of the SSC Societies Committee

Anna Kennedy-O'Brien introduced the motion. Chase Lawrence Hopkins explained why the current way for societies to affiliate was problematic. It could take a semester for a society to affiliate, if there is an existing society with similar aims. Ms Kennedy-O'Brien showed some examples of societies who had difficulties affiliating.

Mr Mathewson commented he was in favour of this motion, as it would make it easier for students to get involved. Mr Dixon added that he discussed this with Iain Cupples and Jillian and they confirmed that this is legit.

With no objection, the motion was adopted.

9.2 J.15-23- A Motion to Promote The Postgraduate Officer on the SSC Charities Campaign to an Executive Committee Position and Rename the position to Postgraduate Coordinator

THIS SRC AND SSC NOTE:

1. With regards to the position of Postgraduate Officer, the SSC Charities Committee resolved that it would be more useful to have a postgraduate member on the Executive Committee.
2. This would allow the postgraduate member to have voting rights and would be able to create a postgraduate sub-committee with a structure resembling that of other Charities Campaign Subcommittees.
3. With regards to the position of Postgraduate Coordinator, the SSC Charities Committee resolved that their role would provide a link between postgraduates and undergraduates, and assist the events coordinator in organising events for postgraduates.

THIS SRC AND SSC BELIEVE:

1. There is a need for postgraduates to become more involved in predominantly undergraduate activities.
2. This direct link would open up the charities committee to a wider audience and help make campaign activities more inclusive.

THIS SRC AND SSC RESOLVE:

To report the following amendments to the Laws of the Association to SAB with the recommendation that the same do pass:

Add 2.1.1.14. Postgraduate Coordinator

PROPOSED: SSC Charities Committee (Charities Campaign)

Ms Christison introduced the motion and explained that this change was important in order to ensure that there was always a Postgraduate voice. Mr Dixon asked whether there was a difference in how executive and non-executive members were elected. Ms Christison said that

some are elected through interviews and some appointed at AGMs. The PG member is elected at na AGM.

With no objection, the motion was adopted.

10. Open Discussion

There was no open discussion.

11. Any Other Competent Business

There was no other competent business.

The meeting adjourned.