

# University of St Andrews Students' Association Student Services Council

### **MINUTES**

Tuesday 27th October 2020 – MS Teams – 6pm

## **Present**

Position				
Association Director of Events and Services				
Association Director of Wellbeing				
Association Chair				
Association Alumni Officer				
Association Community Relations Officer				
Association Environment Officer				
Association LGBT+ Officer				
Association Lifelong and Flexible Learners Officer				
Association BAME Officer				
SSC Broadcasting Officer (STAR)				
SSC Charities Officer (Charities Campaign)				
SSC Design Team Convener				
SSC Performing Arts Officer (Mermaids)				
SSC Member Without Portfolio				
SSC Societies Officer				
SSC Volunteering Officer (SVS)				
SSC Debates Officer (UDS)				
SSC Music Officer (Music Fund)				

# In Attendance

Iain Cupples HR Manager

# 1. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted.

#### 2. Apologies for Absence.

Gavin Sandford	Association Director of Student	Apologies
	Development and Activities	
Amy Gallacher	Association Director of Education	<b>Apologies</b>
Sam Ross	SSC Postgraduate Officer (Postgraduate	<b>Apologies</b>
	Society)	
Dan Marshall	Association President	Absent
Sophie Tyler	Association Athletic Union President	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) thanked councillors for their work on the Rector elections, which saw Leyla Hussein elected as the new Rector. The launch of the new Support and Report system has been delayed due to conversations about anonymous reporting, but it should be launching soon with a demo version. EW is now beginning work on revitalising the voting system for Association elections next March. Amy Gallacher (AG) and EW had their first Disability Representatives Forum last week, along with a Student Wellbeing Advisory Group meeting, both of which went well.

4.3. Report of the Association Director of Education

Absent.

4.4. Report of the Athletic Union President

Absent.

4.5. Report of the Association Director of Events & Services

Tom Groves (TG) has been working on the Can Do event schedule and marquee, which has seen 152 events proposed and 87 approved so far. The field now has approval to hold performances from acoustic groups, and both acapella groups and the Folk and Traditional Music society are able to use that space for rehearsals. Design Team now has two bookable computer spaces on the top floor, and the rest of the computers are in the process of being moved to study spaces. TG met with Saints LGBT+ and Ananya Jain (AJ) about making the garden behind the Union into an edible campus site.

Martin Caforio (MC) asked whether the field is open for use by non-musical groups, and TG will look into this.

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

Lea Weimann (LW) highlighted Green Week next week and asked councillors to check out their Facebook page and support the events.

5.6. Questions for Association BAME Officer

#### 6. Questions for SSC Members

6.1. Questions for SSC Broadcasting Officer (STAR)

Anna Harris (AH) is hoping to get more STAR events up soon and asked councillors to tune in to the radio shows.

6.2. Questions for SSC Charities Officer (Charities Campaign)

Amy Feakes (AF) thanked everyone who donated at Can Do Cocktails, which raised £200 at their first inperson event.

6.3. Questions for SSC Debates Officer (UDS)

Zaine Mansuralli noted that UDS has a successful week with bookings in the Can Do Tent for the rest of the semester. They will now be holding a mix of in-person and online events for their debates and competitive debate training for the rest of the semester.

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

Absent.

6.6. Questions for SSC Societies Officer

Avery Kitchens (AK) and AJ interviewed applicants for the BAME Societies Coordinator position today, and their selection will be invited to the Societies Committee meeting tomorrow. The Societies Committee have also organised dodgeball, which subcommittees can book onto, in the Sports Centre until the end of the semester.

#### 6.7. Questions for SSC Music Officer (Music Fund)

Ali Addison (AA) has organised a Music Fund committee, with the help of Gavin Sandford (GS) and TG, after holding interviews earlier this month. They also have social media channels up and running for Music Fund, and AA is planning an event for November in the Can Do Tent which will feature musicians and acoustic music.

- 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)

Vacant.

6.12. Questions for SSC Member without Portfolio

Toni Valencia (TV) reminded councillors to let her, Annie Smith (AS), or Morgan Morris (MM) know if they would like to promote something on the Councils social media, or if they have ideas for Councils socials.

7.	Any	Other	Comp	petent	Questions
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None.

8. Unfinished General Business

None.

9. New General Business

None.

10. Any Other Competent Business

None.

11. Collaborative Solutions

Not minuted.