



**Papers for Students' Services
Council
Tuesday 10th of November
6pm - MS Teams**

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ASSOCIATION OFFICER REPORTS

Association Alumni Officer – Emily Gilson

Since starting my role, I have chaired my two meetings with the alumni subcommittee. I've been gaining access to the different social media platforms and website for the job. With this, I updated the Facebook description and created and posted a form to recruit a couple more members after losing two in the change over. I have also contacted a potential speaker and gotten a positive response, probably planning the event for February. Also, I called with Dan and the Alumni Relations office about Alumni Weekend ideas and starting to plan/ think about possibilities around potential COVID guidelines.

By next report, I'll have another committee meeting and I hope to finalize the social media so we can use it smoothly and give a put together image out. I hope to have worked more on outreach to societies about an upcoming form Alumni Relations created to keep track of alumni specific to societies. It's a great tool for societies to be able to improve connections past graduation and keep in touch or bring back people who came before!

No events yet to report but I would like other members to know they can easily sign up for SaintConnect which is the University's connection platform! I'm going to be working on its promotion this year as a great tool for students and alumni to connect.

Association Community Relations Officer – Anna Young

What have I done since my last report?

I have been working on our events series 'Community Conversations, filming interview with the Hamish Foundation. I am also discussing plans with my committee for events around St Andrews Day, despite the official celebrations not going ahead. I have also been in contact with the charity officer for Kingdom FM about a November charity fundraiser to help vulnerable families over the Christmas period.

What progress has been made on my manifesto?

As ever the collaborative webinars and events we are planning address the intention of the Community Relations Sub-Committee to facilitate an inclusive and positive platform of engagement between Town and Gown.

What will I have done by my next report?

I will have attended the November Community Council Meeting. I will have aided the environment sub-committee in publicising Green Week to community based platforms as well as co-hosting some of the Green Week events on the Community Relations Facebook Page to enhance involvement amongst local residents.

Association Environment Officer – Lea Weinman

What have I done since my last report?

- GREEN WEEK!
- Start of consultation period for the new University of St Andrews Environmental Sustainability Strategy.

What progress has been made on my manifesto?

- Running a successful Green Week that engaged the University community, staff, local community and even students from other Universities with exciting speakers from around the world!
- Working with the ESB on producing the draft of the new University Sustainability Strategy and starting the consultation.

What do I hope to achieve by next report?

- Successful wrap-up of Green Week.
- Social media promotion of Green Week highlights and publishing the recorded online events on our Environment Subcommittee page.
- Consultation on the draft of the Environmental Sustainability Strategy.
- Successful next whole Environmental Subcommittee meeting with debrief of Green Week, next steps, and discussion of the Environmental Sustainability Strategy.
- Promotion of Green Corridor Tree Planting in North Haul.

Any events, opportunities that you would like other members to know about?

- Read and inform yourself of the draft of the University Sustainability Strategy: https://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/media/estates/Vision_StAEnvironmentStrategey_30Oct2020.pdf
- Consultation and submit your feedback: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=yyZW-KgN00mqWGTvZ47wGrGy_jOm-JIKoytq74N2LF5UMEdER0wzNFFXTUNCQUZEUKNXRzJYRVMYMS4u

Association LGBT+ Officer – Georgina Beeby

What have I done since my last report?

- Held events in the can do tent – egms completed (new postgrad and first year rep) interviewed and chose marketing officer

What progress has been made on my manifesto?

- worked w peer support for closeted/questioning group. Did student services meetings and form research (?) with BAME student network. Will be working w uni/student services to achieve better lgbt support.

What do I hope to achieve by next report?

- more events. Continue work w peer support, bame student network, and student services. Work on making university websites better for LGBT+ support

Any events, opportunities that you would like other members to know about?
- n/a

Association Lifers Officer – Jenny Menday

No report submitted.

Association BAME Officer – Ananya Jain

What have I done since my last report?

- Chaired our first full committee meeting
- Discussed goals/plans for each committee member for the upcoming year
- Met with EDI Faculty Heads to discuss diversity in curriculum/academic schools
- Hosted an event for Green Week in collab with Transition
- Attending the REBG group meeting (with members of faculty and staff)
- Met with a TEDx speaker and coach to organise sessions on allyship
- Met with University Videographer to discuss representation and the possibilities of a video series

Progress Made on my Manifesto

- EDUCATE:
 - Events hosted in collaboration with other societies, BHM Photo Series, Discussion groups, Multicultural Week Faculty Interviews
- ACT :
 - Working alongside Student Services, EDI Faculty Heads, EDI Officers, Student Ambassadors and the Uni Photographer/Filmmaker
- CELEBRATE:
 - Planning events to celebrate culture and diversity
 - (Multicultural Week food series)

What do I hope to achieve by next report?

- Follow up on the Diversity Training Module
- Host/plan for our first in-person event in the CAN-DO Marquee
- Follow up with Student Services, Student Ambassadors and faculty heads of EDI to discuss ways to move forward

Any events, opportunities that you would like other members to know about?

- St Andrews Multicultural Week Faculty interview series
- (Dialogue with the Departments)
: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Ba3UfRH7_4
- Sign up to volunteer to be involved in a community garden that we're starting along with SaintsLGBT: <https://forms.gle/Nq9JUoqyKp3tMrj59>

SSC REPORTS

SSC Broadcasting Officer- Anna Harris

No report submitted.

SSC Charities Officer – Amy Feakes

What have I done since my last report?

All committee members have received mandatory convenor training, DoSDA volunteer portal and personal development training and Got Consent training. We have run two option workshops, a design team working and a understanding the union and how to workshop in the Can Do Tent. Both Dare to Donate and RAG Race have been closed, collectively raising over £4500. We have held a pumpkin carving event, yogi soc collab and bucket shaking at Can Do cocktails opening night. I have sorted our stuff in the socs cupboard and got all donation tins and buckets labelled up. We have been planning two upcoming projects for the rest of the semester which will be released soon.

What progress has been made on my manifesto?

We have run collaborations with other student groups for events (with more to come). Successful training session for committee.

What do I hope to achieve by next report?

More plans for charity awareness, further progress on accessible fundraising including greater contact with charitable socs and student groups who are raising money for charity.

Any events, opportunities that you would like other members to know about?

No...

SSC Debates Officer- Zaine Mansuralli

No report submitted.

SSC Performing Arts Officer- Martin Caforio

No report submitted.

SSC Postgraduate Officer – Sam Ross

No report submitted.

SSC Societies Officer – Avery Kitchens

What have I done since my last report?

General Risk Assessment Workshops - We have put on three workshops for societies to confer with Societies Committee Members on how to edit their General Risk Assessments. The turnout has been very good and we will most likely not have to disaffiliate any societies by the end of the semester for failed GRAs!

Society Trainings - Training attendance has been very high as we have had a record number of New Society Requests. Our Affiliations Officer and our Grants Officer will be recording trainings so that societies will have access to the spoken versions while completing their assessments. This is also in line with our pledge for societies to become more accessible.

Updated New Soc form - we have changed our New Society Request Form to be more comprehensive and give the Socs Committee a better idea about the kind of events and activities each new society will engage in.

Getting societies to update website pages - I have emailed every new society with incomplete web pages asking them to please update them.

BAME - We have a BAME Socs Coordinator! Naomi has been a lovely addition to our Committee. She is working to circulate information on the BAME subcommittee and how to make a more inclusive space within societies for BAME students.

Society Events - Societies now email socevents@ to get permission to hold small scale, in-person events not in the CAN DO Marquee. Most of these events include walks, tabling events and scavenger hunts. If your subcommittee wants to do one of these events, email socevents@ and we will send over the instructions!

EGMs - We are finally done with online EGMs! If a society needs to conduct an EGM, they will now do so themselves with the help of our Elections Team.

What progress has been made on my manifesto?

We are seeing more grant requests! We have received 7 grant requests and societies seem to be more confident in submitting them. That is my main focus now that EGMs are complete. We are still subsidising the card fee on the Union website for membership payments.

What do I hope to achieve by next report?

More grants! More events! Dodgeball!

SSC Music Officer – Ali Addison

No report submitted.

SSC Volunteering Officer – Cara Nicholson

No report submitted.

SSC Design Team Convener – Edward Spencer

· What have I done since my last report?

Worked with committee on organising trial headshots

Held strategy meeting with VP as we met our year targets this semester

· What progress has been made on my manifesto?

n/a

· What do I hope to achieve by next report?

Headshots to have taken place and planning for replicating the process for other groups

Started planning for looking for a volunteer web developer

· Any events, opportunities that you would like other members to know about?

Email sadt@st-andrews.ac.uk for our latest opportunities about getting involved.

SSC ENTS Convener – Ryan Delaney

Events have been cancelled due to Tier 2 restrictions so not really doing much now. Starting to work with OpSoc to plan an event next semester. Currently trying to put together plans to reintroduce DJ training and also hoping for the speedy recovery of our training representative so we can begin doing some livestreamed trainings.

SSC Arts Festival Convener- TBA

SSC Member without Portfolio- Toni Valencia

What have I done since my last report?

Progress overall is maintaining consistency throughout the academic year. Working on more graphic designs to ensure there is constant communication with the student body about what Councils is currently doing. I've also been working on updating my personal contact site and added FAQs and an easier contact us form for any student to contact me whenever needed.

What progress has been made on my manifesto?

I'm continuing to create more media for the student body and ensure transparency. Majority of the points in my manifesto have been completed but requires consistency throughout the year. I aim to serve quality and fast updates throughout the rest of the academic year.

For more information about my manifesto, check out my website at tonivalencia.com

What do I hope to achieve by next report?

I also aim to finalize any more Councils socials ideas and share them with the rest of the Councilors to choose from! I will also ensure to send updates quicker with more message templates for Councilors to use and share on their personal and subcommittee pages!

We're also working on an infographic series so that the student body is more aware of how Councils could help them! Make sure to watch out for this!

Any events, opportunities that you would like other members to know about?

As always Councillors, please continue to promote our social media channels on Facebook and Instagram! Please also let us know if you would like to do an instagram takeover or if you would like us to share your subcommittee's posts on any of our social media channels!