

# Papers for Students' Services Councils Meeting Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> of October 6pm - MS Teams

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# **Students' Services Council - Reports**

#### ASSOCIATION OFFICER REPORTS

## **Association Chair - Morgan Morris**

What have I done since my last report:

- Worked with Toni and Annie to advertise councils via our social media channels.
- Continued to update the laws of the Students' Association, and this will be an on-going job for the rest of the semester.
- Worked with the DoEd and President on the co-options for PG Development Officer and Association Alumni Officer.
- Trained the two new councillors that where co-opted at the last Joint Councils.
- Held officers' hours with people who need to chat about councils and motions.
- Hopefully going to organise a council's dodgeball social with the help of Avery and Sophie!

What progress has been made on my manifesto:

- All of this has been playing into my manifesto points of making councils more accessible, and transparent. I am still working on how to encourage more debate within councils' meetings.

What will I have done by my next report:

- Over the next few weeks the members without portfolio and I are going to be working on a social media series where we will be advertising how students can get involved in councils and how they can bring things to meetings.
- Continue my work to update the laws of the Association.

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

- Follow the Association Councils social media channels on Facebook and Instagram.
- Attend my office hours to chat about motions or councils in general!

#### Association Alumni Officer - Emily Gilson

First Meeting, so not required to submit a report.

## **Association Community Relations Officer - Anna Young**

What have I done since my last report?

Community Action Day was very successful. There was great turn-out from student sign ups and it was fantastic to collaborate with the Clean and Green Team and other university environmental networks to facilitate this. It was also fantastic for this to be filmed by STV news. I have also had meetings with the Community Relations Events

Team in regard to our Community Conversation Series which will be launching next week. Though we had no committee meeting in independent learning week I caught up with all of my committee about their progress so far, this year, which was both positive and constructive.

What progress has been made on my manifesto?

As ever the collaborative webinars and events, such as Community Action Day, address my 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 various meetings to arrange the Community Conversation series which will be launching next week, particularly looking into what events we are able to hold in person.

#### **Association Environment Officer - Lea Weinman**

No report submitted.

### 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

### **Association Lifers Officer - Jenny Menday**

No report submitted.

#### **Association BAME Officer - Ananya Jain**

What have I done since my last report?

- Our EGM is finally over, and we now have a full committee.
- I had a meeting with the Director of Student Services last week to discuss how to better provide support for BAME Students
- Scheduled a meeting with the faculty heads of EDI for the coming week to talk about academic curriculum
- Black History Month Scottish figures series is currently on going on our social media pages
- Worked with other Societies for different upcoming events

What do I hope to achieve by next report?

- Clearer action plan of how to proceed with providing better support for BAME Students
- BAME Student Profiles/Video Series

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

- Dialogue with the Departments Faculty Interview Series from the St Andrews Multicultural Week Committee can be found here. Please spread the word!
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N2FPNQkcqvc&t=424s
- We're still accepting responses for our BAME Student Experience with Support form: <a href="mailto:tiny.cc/nog0tz">tiny.cc/nog0tz</a>

#### SSC REPORTS

## **SSC Broadcasting Officer- Anna Harris**

No report submitted.

## SSC Charities Officer - Amy Feakes

What have I done since my last report?

All of our subcomms now have their budgets. We are working with SAMH on a new campaign to create based on university students health and wellbeing. Our plans for training day are coming together and we are running our first session on the 31st. CATWALK have completed their model castings and now have 24 models for the year. Race2 committee has new roles assigned and is hard at work on out new event. RAG dares event is happening very successfully having raised well over £1000 already.

What progress has been made on my manifesto?

Worked on the forms and steps to put our passed voting motion in place. The events team have one collaboration with a society coming up with more in the works. Our fundraising coordinator is working to make fundraising opportunities with us more accessible to halls and individuals.

What do I hope to achieve by next report?

Run a few successful events, trained committee members in the volunteering portal and got consent workshop. Work more with CATWALK to get some event plans started.

Any events, opportunities that you would like other members to know about? We have a wellbeing yoga session in week 8 held with yogisoc, we also have pumpkin carving in main bar this week.

#### SSC Debates Officer- Zaine Mansuralli

No report submitted.

#### SSC Performing Arts Officer- Martin Caforio

What have I done since my last report?

- Launched Mermaids radio play

- continued work on the current productions
- met with Byre about indoor recorded productions and worked to postpone that show to next semester
- met with CanDo about the future of theatre this year
- Held a presidents forum with affiliated societies to discuss the semester and encourage use of Can Do spaces

What progress has been made on my manifesto?

- Updated proposal forms and productions contract as promised in my manifesto
- kept lines of communication open with affiliated societies
- starting to work with University and Byre on skills based workshop and opportunities to promote to all performing arts in St Andrews

What do I hope to achieve by next report?

- Work with Can Do on aforementioned activities and hold our 2 outdoor productions

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

- Radio show Tuesdays at 18:00
- Mermaids pumpkin carving and costume making event on Facebook!

#### SSC Postgraduate Officer - Sam Ross

What have I done since my last report?

Planned an event which is fully booked! Finalised the committee and responding to/engaging with other interested individuals!

What do I hope to achieve by next report? Another event!

#### **SSC Societies Officer - Avery Kitchens**

What have I done since my last report?

I have worked with Sophie and the AU to extend the Tuesday Society Sport for the rest of this semester. The turnout has been very good and I am very glad to see students getting involved in the event. We finally finished EGMs! We had over 1600 candidates and our subcommittee worked very hard to get all of this done. It has been taking up a lot of time in our calendar. Ananya and I have also set up a time for BAME Societies Coordinator interviews. This will be done on Tuesday and the new Coordinator will be added to the committee afterwards. Two societies are also trialling online banking, so hopefully this means that all societies will be able to gain access to online banking soon!

What progress has been made on my manifesto?

I have been really keen to give away some of our Grant money. It is obviously difficult due to the current event climate, but we will be pushing that point very soon. We are still supplying subsidies on Union Website society membership payments.

What do I hope to achieve by next report?

I hope to begin setting up the Societies Mixer that we will be putting on in January/February. I also have been working on setting up a Risk Assessment Clinic for Week 8, so setting that up is on the agenda.

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

Email me to sign up your subcom to Tuesday Society Sport!

#### 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?

- Continued to work with Tom on finding a solution to the software access issue
- Discussed plans with my team for some events
- Committee have elected a new branding officer
- Working to get the new branding officer integrated to their role

What progress has been made on my manifesto?

- n/a

What do I hope to achieve by next report?

- Have further work on planning the an in person event taken place
- Completed a mid-year review of both divisions of Design Team

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

- We are working on getting some can do events set up to take headshots for societies at the moment
- We are still looking for a social coordinator and Design training officer get in touch if you are interested

## SSC ENTS Convener - Ryan Delaney

No report submitted.

#### SSC Arts Festival Convener-TBA

#### SSC Member without Portfolio- Toni Valencia

What have I done since my last report?

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!

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!