



Education Executive
St Andrews Students Association

Meeting date: Thursday 18^h September 2025 (18:00-19:00)
Large Rehearsal Room (Student Union Building)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Meeting called by: Education Council Committee

Type of Meeting: Education Executive

Chair: Faculty Presidents

Note Taker(s): Nick Townsend

ATTENDANCE

Attendees: Faculty Presidents, President of Education, Nick Townsend (ARI), Amy McLaughlin (Academic Representation Coordinator), School Presidents and Language Convenors.

Online: None.

Apologies: N/A

Absences: N/A

Guests: N/A

Minutes

Welcome & Introductions (5 mins, Sci/Med FP)

FPs: Introduction and housekeeping. Explanation of agenda items

Student Voice & Representation Policy (5 mins, PresEd)

a. Overview

PresED: (Overview)

- The academic representation policy is outdated. A new policy is being introduced written.

- A combination of academic representation with non-representation (networks etc) will be suggested
- The purpose is to increase awareness of the Networks

Module Credits (10 mins, PresEd)

- Overview
- Discussion

PresED: (Overview)

- The university is suggesting refreshing module credits for increased efficiency.
- Standardisation of credits will be to 15, 30, 60 (ONLY), and their relative assessments/workloads will be standardised university.
- This will be a large-scale project, and the Schools will be consulted in the process
- They have set a provisional (and very optimistic deadline) of September 2026

Discussion:

- Complit Convenor:
 - Concern over the effect this has on sub-honours modules (20 credits) within their school
 - Concern over triple honours students and the feasibility of maintaining triple honours at sub honours under new system
- Music President:
 - Echos concerns
- Biology President:
 - Concerns regarding whether the credit change will be reflective of the workload done
- Computer Science President:
 - Standardisation of module workload would be a good idea. Concern over how this could be applied university wide to ensure university wide uniformity of workload
- Econ and Finance President:
 - The School of Economics is very adamant about its 20 credit modules. There would likely be significant disruption and disagreement in the school.
- Physics President:
 - Huge mix of module credits in Physics
 - If the intention is for efficiency, would the implementation of this policy really increase efficiency in the short and medium term? Staff workloads would be significantly increased to adjust to this new policy.
- Anthropology President:
 - Concern over the impact to VIPs, taking away that choice could discourage VIP choices

Library Etiquette (10 mins, Arts/Div FP)

- Overview
- Discussion

AD FP: (Overview)

- Library spaces are very limited and are being taken up by students leaving their stuff in the library while not working there.
- This is particularly limiting for postgraduate students, for whom there is very limited space.
- We are looking for potential policy solutions to this issue and would like your suggestions

Discussion:

- Biology President
 - It would be extremely difficult to effectively and fairly regulate the leaving of personal property on library desks
- Classics President:
 - Concern over the impact of the removal of people's important items on their mental health
- CS President:
 - There are other study spaces that are underutilised.
 - We could increase awareness of the spaces available and encourage individuals who have access to Halls Libraries/School Libraries to use them
- Philosophy President:
 - Close one of the social floors in the library and turn it into a silent floor
- Medicine President:
 - Disagreement with the use of the basement as a silent space due to lots of medics using it as a primary place of study
- Classics President:
 - This could also lead to the overuse of School Spaces (e.g. Classics Library)

Accessing Budgets (5 mins, PresEd)

a. Overview

PresED (Overview)

- There are a number of sources of available funding for School Presidents
- You each have £50 to spend. This is not a hard limit, and you can apply for more. There is plenty of money for larger projects.
- Societies often have significant funding, so it is worth reaching out to them as well
- The careers centre also has a good pool of money which is underused, and it should be taken advantage of
- Money is also available within the School itself, but some are more willing to provide funding than others

Class Rep Elections (15 mins, Sci/Med FP)

a. Outreach

- Messaging Portal Guidance
- Reaching PG Students

SM FP: (Overview)

- The election period is to be extended to Monday
- It is your responsibility to send out emails to your cohorts!
- We have had a lack of engagement with some schools.
- CS and Econ + Finance are doing really well – congratulations to them. If you have anything that has worked particularly well, please could let us know
- Please send an email out on Friday, you can state which roles are uncontested and send multiple emails this week.

Amy:

- The template for extending the nomination is on Teams. Do not send it before 5pm on Friday

Amy + FPs: (Information regarding messaging portal)

- It is an imperfect system, and each school will have a different filtering system
- When you are filtering, look at how many students it is going out to. Aim to get a combination that sends the email to the most people possible
- You can send a specific postgrad email if you are worried they are not being captured
- Try not to use individual names – there is a risk that you will send emails out addressed to dead names

Discussion:

- CS President:
 - I would recommend making posters, visiting lectures, holding drinks events for freshers, emailing module coordinators, and making a QR code to go to the portal.
- Econ and Finance President:
 - Attending sub-honors lectures and pitching the role to them
- AOCB

Meeting adjourned