



Education Committee

8th of November 2018, 5pm

Students' Association Committee Room

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
 - a. Kay (Medicine)
 - b. Lyndsay (Film)
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Questions from School Presidents' reports
5. Questions from Faculty Presidents' reports
6. Questions from PG Academic Convenor's report
7. Matters Arising
 - a. Got Consent Training
8. AOCB

Reports from School Presidents

Art History - Meredith Loper – arthistorypresident

- Held Class Rep Meeting on Friday of last week
- Held Postgrad Application Info Talk on Wednesday of last week
- CV & LinkedIn Workshop planned for this Tuesday
- SSCC meeting planned for this Wednesday

Biology - Roisin Gendall – biologypresident: no report submitted.

Chemistry - Ailsa Edward – chemistrypresident: no report submitted.

Classics - Rebecca Hachamovitch – classicspresident: no report submitted.

Computer Science - Martynas Noreika – compscipresident

- Had meetings with two potential venues for the Computer Science ball
- Prepared a staff survey on lecture recordings
- Met with DoT, no major issues in the school.

Divinity - Rachel Miller – divinitypresident

- I am attending the School of Divinity PG SSCC this week.
- I am planning on meeting with the President of the St Mary's College Society to invite her to attend the UG SSCC during Week 11.
- I will be emailing my Class Reps to encourage them to start collecting feedback from their classes if they haven't done so already and to find out if there is anything in particular they would like included on the agenda for the UG SSCC.

Earth & Environmental Sciences - Evan Margerum – earthscipresident

- Brainstormed and put together very rough draft for a flow chart posters that helps direct students who are stressed, dealing with mental health issues, and general life issues to the relevant people and organizations. Hoping to share this with other schools so that they can format it for their own schools
- This is your geological life almost completed – date changed to nov 14th 5 pm
- Internship talk is going ahead, trying to delegate this more to class reps.
- Got included in the SEES Athena Swan meetings, the first of which is tomorrow nov 6th
- Booked rooms for upcoming events

- Having my backup secretaries try their hand at minutes so that if they're needed they will have experience.
- Will be looking into how funding works for upgrading equipment within the university, hoping to replace the 25 year old microscopes that are used for all undergraduate teaching, as they are not industry standard and may not be as good as ones used at competing universities.

Economics & Finance - Rachel Williams – economicspresident: no report submitted.

English - Jessica Armstrong – englishpresident: no report submitted.

Film Studies - Lyndsay Townsend – filmpresident: no report submitted.

Geography & SD - Rhiannon Potts – geosdpresident

- Student view report for University-led review of learning and teaching was submitted on Thursday November 1st.
 - 12 Sub-Honours and 12 Honours students have been assembled and will meet with the review team in Week 11.
- A date has been confirmed with the Head of School for SGSD Christmas Event and students have been invited.
- Both Geog Soc and SD Soc had exciting events this week – a School favourite “I’m a Geographer: Get Me Out of Here!” and “Talk & Wine: International Red Cross Careers”.
- Many students have applied to be Geography Ambassadors for the Royal Geographical Society and will be trained in Week 9.

Graduate School - Jemima Williamson – gspres

- Nothing to report from the grad school this week

History - Sahil Ali – historypresident

Monday:

- Weekly email sent out as per usual, detailing important events and deadlines for History Students
- Attended the SLUG meeting with my Library Rep Freja Stamper
- I also submitted my report for the previous week before 5pm as requested.

Tuesday:

- Liaised with Shona Mach from the Carers Centre and Professor James Nott of the

School of History; we discussed the prospects of holding a Careers event in the second semester featuring alumni of St Andrew; I proposed to hold such an event in conjunction with other SPs, of which they were very supportive.

Thursday:

- Attended the Education Committee meeting

Friday:

- I had a meeting with the Classics President and our Social Officers in order to discuss preliminary arrangements for this year's Ides Ball.
- Miscellaneous:
- The email containing the final date and time for this semester's SSCC was sent out to all staff and students involved
- Class Rep Geraint Morgan suggested using small amounts of funding to boost feedback for the SSCC from peers; discussions will be held with staff in the School of History this week to this end

International Relations - Kat Lawlor – irpresident

- IR continued work on a potential security careers forum for next semester, which will hopefully be integrated into the university Careers Week.

Management - Philip Caraci – managementpresident: no report submitted.

Mathematics & Statistics - Kamilla Rekvenyi – mathspresident

- Created a Facebook event for "MT234 Research and Party" and put up posters in the Maths Foyer
- Made some progress on providing coffee/tea in the Maths Building

Medicine - Kay McGillivray – medicinepresident: no report submitted.

Modern Languages - Amy Bretherton – modlangpresident

- Held Internship Speed Dating Event which went very well
- Attended German, French and Arabic and Persian SSCCs
- Held a meeting with Conveners to plan upcoming Christmas social

German Convener:

- Ran SSCC and circulated minutes to HoD
- Launched a mentoring program to support incoming first year students who want a

buddy from an older year group

French Convenor:

- Will be distributing minutes of recent SSCC meetings to students and staff this week
- Had our third department lunch on Monday
- Discussing future events with the other convenors, looking at collaborations within the school
- Hoping to set up a CV workshop session

Music - Aileen Walsh – musicpresident: no report submitted.

Philosophy - Sophia Rommel – philosophypresident

- Met with Class Reps on Friday; successful meeting – a few projects moving forward and many comments made which I'll bring up at respective meetings (e.g. TLA, meeting with the DOT, etc.)
- Planned for a final meeting of the semester w/ my Class Reps, most likely to be held in the week prior to revision week
- Emailed DOT to confirm a meeting before the end of the semester
- Emailed Careers Centre to start planning a Semester 2 Careers Event (during Career's Week)
- Emailed Union's E&D Rep to discuss a potential collaborative event for next Semester
- Attending the second TLA of the year this Wednesday; will be discussing the survey results regarding Honours module capping, as well as some comments that arose in the meeting with my Class Reps regarding MLitt Logic
- Sent out my weekly email, promoting relevant events and opportunities, as usual (including the PhilSoc Pub Quiz – exciting!)
- Held my office hours; met with our new first year Class Rep and discussed her role, some of her ideas/aims/etc. (she is also on PhilSoc, so perhaps we'll host a joint event with PhilSoc soon), as well as a potential meeting between her and the other first year Class Rep in order to sort out revision sessions for their modules (if the students would like these)
- Second Year Logic Surgeries have become a permanent, weekly occurrence and all students who take the module absolutely love these surgeries; may or may not need revision sessions during revision week, depending on if the Department would like to run these surgeries during that week (my second year Class Reps will report back to me in due time)

- Have finalized the Minutes from our first SSCC; should be uploaded onto the Department's website this week, so that I can circulate them in my next email to the Philosophy students
- Planning to meet with my first year Buddy Scheme liaison (she has collected survey responses for me from the participants), in order to plan a possible Buddy Scheme Social in Second Semester, as well as work on improving the Scheme along the lines of the respondents' comments
- Waiting on invoices from the Union from the Careers Event, in order to get refunds from the Department (ongoing)

Physics & Astronomy - Amy Suddards – physicspresident

- Wellbeing day! This was a massive success, with great attendance both at the postgrad pizza lunch and undergrad wine and cheese night. Had great feedback from everyone who attended, and also some feedback about what physics could do to help wellbeing. I'd love to talk about this more at educom!!
- Mid semester survey processing happening by me and reps this week, ready for student staff council meeting next week.

Psychology & Neuroscience - Winnie Li – psychpresident

- Meeting for School Quiz
- Working on networking event
- School EDI meeting
- Class reps gathered feedback for Neuroscience

Social Anthropology - Rikke Nedergaard – socanthpresident

- Met with undergraduate representatives to prepare for SSCC meeting
- Helped undergraduate representatives get their surveys out
- Talked with DoT re. various student concerns, TLA talking points and advising policies
- Advertised paid internship schemes (Santander & Saltire) to students
- Created a LinkedIn page for the Social Anthropology Mentoring Scheme so that students can add their role to profiles
- Held weekly office hour / drop in session

Reports from Faculty Presidents

Arts and Divinity - Gianluca Giammei – artdivfp: no report submitted.

Science and Medicine - Alisa Danilenko – scimedfp: no report submitted.

Report from Postgraduate Academic Convenor – Ashley Clayton – pgconven: no report submitted.