



Education Committee

4th April, 5pm

Students' Association Committee Room

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
 - a. Rhiannon (Geography)
 - b. Jemima (Graduate School)
 - c. Rachel (Divinity)
 - d. Ashley (PG Convenor)
 - e. Alisa (Science/Med)
 - f. Kay (Medicine)
 - g. Gianluca (Arts/Div)
3. Questions for School Presidents
 - a. Winnie (Psychology): went to the conference (7 people from school presented). Careers faire tomorrow. Putting together a FAQs for the website. Equality and Diversity setting up focus group to find out why less men in psychology department.
 - b. Rikke (Social Anthropology): met with careers centre to talk about alumni event coming up. Discussions happening about why less men study social anthropology. Pre-SSCC meeting went well. Met with exams officer to discuss making students aware of format of exams. Working with admissions to get more male speakers at open days.
 - c. Kat (IR): IR merch has arrived – profits go to charity. IR careers day for next spring being organised.
 - d. Amy (Modern Languages): ball taking place tomorrow.
 - e. Lyndsay (Film): English and Film organising creative industries panel. It's all currently being arranged. 60 Hour Film Blitz went well and raised money for

charity – first time it was a fundraising event.

- f. Jess (English): MLitt information panel was interesting and went well – fellow students asking questions rather than staff. Looking into getting Wellbeing Officer – emailed other SPs whose schools have them. Put out wellbeing survey.
 - g. Evan (Earth Sciences): Met with Principal to discuss strategic plan.
 - h. Louise (German): SSCC meeting yesterday. Setting up meeting to discuss MEQ results and the NSS results from last year.
 - i. Rebecca (Classics): Ides Ball went well. Fourth SSCC next week and Equality and Diversity meeting just before Spring Break – race panel in the works.
4. Questions for Faculty Presidents
 5. Questions for PG Academic Convenor
 6. Matters Arising
 - a. Technological Enhanced Learning
 - i. Presentation from Lindsay Wilson (ljw33@)
 - b. Academic Representation policy (attached).
 - i. Add convenors don't go to SP Forum
 - ii. Class Rep section – what if they don't do anything.
 - iii. Minutes approval – as quickly as possible.
 - iv. Passing on relevant information to students and not hoarding it.
 - v. Making it clear that you have as many SSCCs as is practical and relevant to ensure all students are represented.
 - vi. Making it clear there are multiple PG executive reps.
 - vii. Role model in a non-academic sense.
 - viii. Might be worth highlighting that SP role is entirely separate from degree.
 - ix. Expansion packs: careers rep?
 - x. Email rights – Social Anthropology, Film, Philosophy – making it clear you should only email your department.
 - c. Alumni contacts (Sophia)
 - i. Made a Word Doc filled with alumni's names and details, who are all willing for students to contact them to ask degree/internship/career questions.
 - ii. Useful, alongside Saint Connect
 - iii. Found through LinkedIn
 7. AOCB
 - a. Social (Faculty Presidents)
 - i. Absence: for next week's discussion.
 - b. New FindSpace section of My Saint
 - c. Automatic Renewals
 - d. Teaching Awards

- i. Sent out invitations – please rvsp.
 - ii. Alice to let SPs know who has been shortlisted in their school.
 - iii. All nominations being sent out after awards to the relevant staff to let them know they were nominated.
- e. St Andrews Pride
 - i. Everyone received invites – please advertise to your school.
- f. Wellbeing map
 - i. Evan to discuss next week.
- g. Library print vs digital
 - i. Rikke to discuss next week.
- h. Booking rooms in school buildings
 - i. Might be nice to be able to book rooms in school buildings as School President.
 - ii. Timetabling working on students being able to book rooms across the University.
 - iii. Alice can potentially look into SPs being able to book rooms in University.
 - iv. Unlikely that SPs will be given direct access to booking system in Students' Association for various reasons.

Reports from School Presidents

Art History - Meredith Loper – arthistorypresident: no report submitted.

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

Industry Engagement Program

- Attended team-client meetings to ensure progress is being made
- Both teams are making progress with their projects

Lecture capture survey

- Collated survey results
- Started writing the report
- Planning to finish it in the next couple of weeks

Divinity - Rachel Miller – divinitypresident: no report submitted.

Earth & Environmental Sciences - Evan Margerum – earthscipresident: no report submitted.

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: no report submitted.

Graduate School - Jemima Williamson – gspres

- Nothing to report.

History - Sahil Ali – historypresident: no report submitted.

International Relations - Kat Lawlor – irpresident: no report submitted.

Management - Philip Caraci – managementpresident: no report submitted.

Mathematics & Statistics - Kamilla Rekvenyi – mathspresident

- Held the Pie Ball, 88 dinner guests and 10 afterparty guests came, it was very well received and went well. Everybody expressed to me that they had a great time
- Was organising the Equality and Diversity Forum to happen on the 10th of April
- Attended the School's Teaching Committee Meeting

Medicine - Kay McGillivray – medicinepresident: no report submitted.

Modern Languages - Amy Bretherton – modlangpresident: no report submitted.

French

- The department held a pub quiz in BrewCo Monday 11th March
- Semester 2 SSCC took place Wednesday 13th March and I will be sending out minutes for it later this week
- I am in talks with the French Society about a possible cabaret night which may be put on at the end of the semester
- GloBall, the modern languages ball will be happening at Hotel DuVin this Friday with ticket collection on Thursday, we are all very excited about it!

Music - Aileen Walsh – musicpresident: no report submitted.

Philosophy - Sophia Rommel – philosophypresident

- Regularly updated Twitter over Spring Break.
- Sent a 'Spring Break Weekly Email' for the two weeks, signposting the different opening times of the library, some Spring Break opportunities, and some reminders for upcoming events, and so forth. Just sent out my 'Welcome Back' email, too.
- Got Departmental funding for a pizza dinner which I will host for the Philosophy Class Reps, as they have done extraordinary work this year (they have been so enthusiastic and committed the whole way through!). Still need to pick a date but we will go to Mozza and all Reps have said they would love to attend.
- My Library Rep hasn't been able to go to a few of the SLUG meetings (nor have I). I will highlight this as an area which my successor may want to focus on more, as I have not

prioritized this as much as some other Departments/Schools have. Hopefully, the Library Rep will be able to attend the next meeting (I have mentioned this to him already).

- Got full EDF funding for the 'Race and Philosophy' event (thank you!), confirmed the external speaker (and her expenses for her train up from London), and have made a reservation (TBC) with Maisha for the pre-Panel dinner with the speakers. Myself, Kirsty and Jimena have also received additional funding from MAP International for this event, and will also use some of PhilSoc's funds. Really hoping that this event will be a big, exciting, mind-opening and successful one for the students and speakers!
- Meeting with Kirsty regarding the above event after Spring Break, to sort out promoting the event further, the dinner, which emails need to be sent when. Will also follow up with the external speaker regarding the title of her keynote speech.
- My Social Rep has agreed to help set-up the above event, so I'm looking forward to getting her (and potentially a few other volunteers) involved in organizing the practical aspects of this event!
- Happiness Wall is still up in Edgecliffe and is looking fuller than ever!
- Athena Swan Survey is ready to be sent out soon; we have a meeting on Wednesday (the 3rd), so will probably find out more then. Being on the survey-creating team has been a great learning experience!
- Will hold off discussing opening the Edgecliffe Common Room up to undergrads with the Head of the Department, as some MLitts have expressed resistance to this idea (whereas all Class Reps, certain staff members (one of whom brought this whole situation to my attention), and all research postgraduates are in favour of the idea). I will pass this consideration on to my successor, Kyle, who can decide whether or not to take this further (I think it would be great, as it would facilitate a more open and inclusive environment, and allow undergrads to eat their lunch somewhere inside of Edgecliffe, alongside other members of the Philosophy Community).
- After receiving some further (CAPOD) feedback, I have decided that I will ask the Buddy Scheme members to attend the 'Race and Philosophy' Panel, encouraging to perhaps go with their mentors/other mentees (thus presenting this Panel as a chance for them to (re-)connect rather than hosting a separate Buddy Scheme social altogether).
- Got some great upcoming MAP and Departmental (Arche and CEPPA) events lined up which I will, as always, promote (mainly through the usual social media channels).
- Overall, I am very excited to engage further with this role and to see all of my EduComm friends in the second half of Semester Two!!!
- I made a Word Doc filled with alumni's names and details, who are all willing for students to contact them to ask degree/internship/career questions. I will circulate this document

in my weekly email tomorrow, alongside the link to Saint Connect (as I find this to be a severely underrated and pretty unknown tool for students).

Physics & Astronomy - Amy Suddards – physicspresident: no report submitted.

Psychology & Neuroscience - Winnie Li – psychpresident: no report submitted.

Social Anthropology - Rikke Nedergaard – socanthpresident

- Held two pre-SSCC meetings with sub-honours reps and sub-honours DoT and with honours reps and DoT respectively
- Held undergraduate SSCC meeting
- Held a "welcome back from spring break" cake and tea event on Tuesday & baked for this along with my class reps
- Found and invited speakers for careers event on the 16th of April
- Started advertising careers event
- Helped at offers holder visiting day for my department
- Attended SAT meeting re. Athena Swann report
- Provided feedback on student data for sub-group of the SAT
- Met with DoT to discuss NSS and subsequently sent in EDF request for an amazon voucher
- Second-year rep is planning careers pop-up session and peer-guidance support
- Held weekly office hour
- Sent out weekly email

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.

- I recently ran an investigation into whether PGT students felt that they were being supported with essay samples from their school, where appropriate or not. I have reported the findings to Academic Monitoring Group which I attended on the 25th of March, and will be continuing

to support PGT Representatives where the findings have been negative.

- I have written an application on behalf of the Postgraduate society and St Leonard's College for the PG Development fund, to put on another PGR Getaway to The Burn for August of 2019. In the event of a successful application, I will be working towards getting the relevant service units together to provide workshops for this getaway in the coming month.
- I have been finding PGT students to engage in the Masters Student "Golden ticket" working group lunch, though this was sadly cancelled.
- I met with the DoEd and Faculty Presidents on Saturday 30th of August to devise a shortlist for the Association's teaching awards.
- I am in the process of booking the next PGR and PGT Executive Rep forums for late April.
- I have been asked in my role capacity to be a part of the University's Research Committee, which I have accepted.
- I have contacted organise handover details, and hope she will be shadowing me for some of my upcoming meetings. These imminently include PG Society committee on the 10th of April, and Research Committee on the 11th of April.