



Education Committee

26th of November 2018, 5pm

Students' Association Committee Room

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
 - a. Jemima (Graduate School)
 - b. Ciara (French Convenor)
 - c. Winnie (Psychology & Neuroscience)
 - d. Aileen (Music)
 - e. Sahil (History)
 - f. Chloe (Russian)
 - g. Alisa (Science)
3. Questions from School Presidents' reports
 - a. Rikke (Social Anthropology): Cake and Tea event for next week.
 - b. Kat (IR): Had to plan a national security event last minute but it went well; IR ball happening in April.
 - c. Rebecca (Classics): Ides ball happening in March – on the Ides of March!
 - d. Martynas (CompSci): Event for women in work.
4. Questions from Faculty Presidents' reports
5. Questions from PG Academic Convenor's report
 - a. Still need executive rep list from some schools – make sure to send this across asap if you haven't already.
 - b. PhD coffee morning on 29th November in Arts Building.
6. Matters Arising
 - a. Semester one reports
 - i. As part of your role, and in order to get it on your transcript, you have to write an end of semester report.

- ii. Summary of events, meetings, projects, communications – as well as looking forward to semester 2.
 - iii. These reports also go on the Union website in your individual sections.
 - iv. As short or as long as you want it to be.
 - v. **Hard deadline of 1st February at 5pm – won't be accepted after this date.**
 - vi. Alice to send across examples.
- b. MEQs
- i. They are open until 7th December so please encourage people to do them – responses mean a lot more if there is a high turnout.
 - ii. All MEQs should be open now.
- c. Teaching Awards
- i. Heads up for next semester – Teaching Awards are open next semester.
 - ii. Different categories
 - iii. Student nomination statements
 - iv. Alice to send around report from last year to give background.
 - v. Some schools seem to have disproportionately high turnout – trying to make this high turnout widespread this year.
 - vi. Proctor's Award also happens at same time: staff member and student have to nominate you to be considered; can be nominated if you went above and beyond your role description as an academic representative.

7. AOCB

- a. Question about new policy on PhD theses going through Turnitin:
 - i. Multiple schools currently going through a pilot of this.
 - ii. The self-plagiarism issue of articles and other pieces of work feeding into the thesis being looked at – staff are aware of this possibility.
- b. New Employability Fund on Union website
 - i. Can be found [here!](#)

Reports from School Presidents

Art History - Meredith Loper – arthistorypresident

- Attended School Council Meeting

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: no report submitted.

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

- I created, organised and hosted a collaborative Pub Quiz with Jessica, the English School President. The event was very popular, and we had 13 teams of 4-5. Moreover, we used the EDF and were able to offer free nachos to every team for entering, and were also able to buy some great prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. The event was titled 'Fiction and Films Pub Quiz' and took place on Wednesday the 16th of November at Brew Co.
- Developing from careers survey feedback, I organised a Film Studies Honours Skills Workshop, with the Careers Liaison in my department (Dr. Zoe Shacklock) and also with Liz from the Careers Centre. Liz ran the event, with a Powerpoint presentation on various opportunities with the Film careers sector, and a good amount of people were in attendance (15-20). This gave useful information for students in their final two years of study, and gave helpful tips for amending their CVs and finding/applying to job opportunities.
- I also started the meetings with the 60 Hour Film Blitz committee (we have had 2 so far,

and will continue meeting on a bi-weekly basis). The Film Blitz is a department-run event, which encourages people around St. Andrews to make and submit a short film, which must be created within 60 hours. Our committee meetings went very well, and we are in the midst of brainstorming how we can brand the Blitz as something everyone can be a part of (not just students), and how to reach out to wider audiences.

- Held a meeting with my Director of Teaching and my 4th Year Class Rep, to discuss the National Student Survey, what it is, how it works and how we can all work together to ensure that everyone in 4th year fills it out.

Geography & SD - Rhiannon Potts – geosdpresident

- 25 SGSD students were trained by the Royal Geographical Society to act as ambassadors for Geography in the classroom. St Andrews is the first Scottish University to be part of the scheme.
- Class Reps collected feedback for SGSD's second SSCC of the semester.
- Myself and the Class Reps had a Pre-SSCC meeting to discuss the feedback and write the agendas. The feedback overall was positive and we also brainstormed ideas for collecting feedback effectively and relaying back to students how their feedback is enacted upon.
- I am in the process of organising some relaxation events during Revision Week.
- The Geography Society Christmas Lunch sold out to staff and students.

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

- There is now free coffee and tea available for students in the Maths Building. With the Director of Teaching, Dr Antonia Wilmot-Smith, Head of School Prof Mark Chaplain we have spent the last few weeks planning this, and now made it happen! This was one of my objectives as School President so I am very very happy about this!
- We had our second SSCC of the semester on Tuesday. It went well.

- We have started planning Pi Ball to be held on Pi Day (14th March). The location will be the Scores Hotel. We went to see the venue, and received an email confirmation that the date will be fine. Now we need to pay the deposit.
- "MT234 Research and Party", the evening conference in the Observatory was held this Friday, it was super well attended - I was expecting at most 50 guests and more than 70 came! The talks were slightly longer than the allocated 7 minutes time, but it was still great. All the wine, cakes and crisps were consumed. It was one of my other objectives as School President - and the biggest event this semester. I am very pleased with this.
- We allocated a day for a Revision De-Stress Event on Tuesday 5th December lunchtime. The School will provide funds for pizza.

Medicine - Kay McGillivray – medicinepresident: no report submitted.

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

French Convenor

- Met with the modern languages events committee and have begun to plan the modern languages ball to take place next semester
- Met with the Director of Teaching to discuss composition of language modules in the school
- Will be present at the candidate presentations for a new French language teacher on Monday and Wednesday morning with some of my class reps
- Will be setting up and attending school Christmas event in the Beacon Bar
- Sending out SSCC minutes and head of department response within the week

Music - Aileen Walsh – musicpresident: no report submitted.

Philosophy - Sophia Rommel – philosophypresident

- Meeting Class Reps for our final semester meeting next week
- Met with DOT to discuss a range of things
- Met with postgrad Quan to discuss the CEPPA Graduate Conference in Feb – some really prominent, great speakers attending (in person and via Skype)
- Talked with Dr. Greenough about a potential end-of-Semester-2 'Philosophy & Art' exhibition (he's run this before and it was a great success – I offered my help in whichever capacity he may need it)
- Meeting with Mature Student Rep and MLitt Rep regarding some E&D issues

- Working w/ the Schools of English, History and Classics to create a Careers Event in February – currently liaising with SaintConnect and the Department (working with our new staff-careers link Dr. Etinson) to find 3 philosophy speakers
- Helping one of my Class Reps launch a new project and have put a call for project participants into my weekly email (this project concerns creating an online, controlled/filtered Q&A platform for all students to exchange information and tips on modules prior to taking them; e.g. useful reading, workload info, teaching style, but no critical comments or hate speech, of course!)
- NSS Semester 2 Meeting planned w/ DOT and all Honours Class Reps (discussing vague questions, how students might understand them, how the Department could be clearer in response to last year's feedback, etc.)
- Working on hosting a Semester 2 Buddy Scheme social (will meet with the first year who's helping me at the start of Semester 2 to finalize all the details)
- Forged closer ties with the new MAP Chapter (between St Andrews and Stirling for MLitts) – promoting their events in my weekly emails and via Twitter now (consistently); going to try to attend more of their events next Semester!
- Need to meet with Dr. Hawley regarding Athena Swan (re-)application and some E&D outreach programs
- Scottish high-school visit to St Andrews' Philosophy Department was successfully run by Freya (an ID4000-level student who contacted me about this a while back; great that her project was a success)
- Sent out the weekly email
- Helped out with Alice's Exam Video filming ☐
- Really behind on logging my hours – think I'll update the Volunteering Portal over Xmas

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

Psychology & Neuroscience - Winnie Li – psychpresident

Week 9

- Held School Quiz on 15th Nov, amazing turn out
- Held class rep meeting to prepare for SSCC
- Attended various meetings with careers people
- Appointed a new Social Media Rep
- Meeting with DoT and HoS about AAM
- AAM meeting - our School seems to be doing very well (I'm really pleased)

Week 10

- Chaired SSCC, went on for slightly longer than last time.. there were more issues to discuss. Class reps did very well
- Started organising distress events for the School
- Discussed Turnitin with staff
- Chatted to random students about what they'd like for careers next semester

Social Anthropology - Rikke Nedergaard – socanthpresident

- Attended TLA meeting: new supervisor allocation preliminarily approved, a review of modules and degree programmes initiated, new agreement of SSCC minutes preliminarily approved etc.
- Met with the Head of Department to discuss SSCC, supervisor allocation, student wellbeing days etc.
- Met with Director of Teaching and first-year reps for a follow-up on the SSCC meeting
- Met with Director of Teaching a few times to discuss SSCC, TLA, student wellbeing, careers initiatives etc.
- Meeting with PG reps to prepare for PG SSCC meeting
- Assembled and sent out PG SSCC agenda
- Met with Director of Education to discuss SSCC and later SSCC minutes approval
- Attended School President's Forum
- Appeared in exams video
- Paid bar for careers event
- Held weekly office hour

Reports from Faculty Presidents

Arts and Divinity - Gianluca Giammei – artdivfp

- Nothing to report

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

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