



**University of St Andrews
Students' Association
Joint Councils Meeting**

MINUTES

Tuesday 26 April 2016 – Student's Association Board Room – 6 pm

Present

Member's Name	Position
Eleanor Mullin	Arts and Divinity Faculty President
Sally Allmark	Arts and Divinity Faculty President-Elect
Sarah Thompson	Athletic Union President
Ben Peddie	Athletic Union President-Elect
Sigrid Jorgensen	Association Chair
Aine Bennet	Association Community Relations Officer
Chris MacRae	Association Director of Events and Services
Taryn O'Connor	Association Director of Events and Services-Elect
Joe Tantillo	Association Director of Representation
Jack Carr	Association Director of Representation-Elect
Kyle Blain	Association Director of Student Development and Activities
Caroline Christie	Association Director of Student Development and Activities-Elect/SSC Arts Festival Convener
Lewis Wood	Association LGBT Officer
Pat Mathewson	Association President
Mariya Simeonova	Association Environment Officer
Emma Seckel	Principal Ambassador
Annie Newman	Rector's Assessor
Sam Ross	SRC Member for First Years
Catriona Crookes	SRC Member for Gender Equality
Halima Mohammed	SRC Member for Racial Equality
Ella Kicks	SRC Member for Students with Disabilities
Christopher Wilde	SRC Member for Widening Access and Participation
Charlotte Flatley	SSC Broadcasting Officer
Kristen Tsubota	SSC Charities Officer
Francis Newman	SSC Employability Officer
Beckie Thomas	SSC Debates Officer
Taylor Almeraz	SSC Design Team Convener
Lauchlan Hall	SSC Postgraduate Convener (Elect)
Alasdair Milne	SSC Music Officer
Annabel Ekelund	SSC Performing Arts Officer
Pia Szabo	SSC Societies Officer
Sarah Rodway-Swanson	SSC Volunteering Officer

In Attendance

Dylan Bruce	
Lorraine Callaghan	
Joseph Cassidy	The Saint
Alexander Ciric	Former SRC Accommodation Officer
Iain Cupples	Student Advocate (Education)/HR Manager
Mattias Eken	PG Society
Alison Holiday	PG Society
Jennie Matthews	
Joshua Paik	
Scott Schorr	PG Society

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Pat moved to take item 5 before item 4 for the convenience of those attending for co-options. The councils assented to this amendment.

The agenda as amended was adopted without dissent.

2. Apologies for Absence

Member's Name	Position
Rebecca Ryce	Association Alumni Officer
Robert Aston	Association Equal Opportunities
Holly Johnston	SRC Wellbeing Officer
Paige Onouye	SRC Member Without Portfolio
Hannah Jacobs	SSC Entertainments Convener
Aline Heyerick	SSC Postgraduate Convener
Kate Mayer	SSC Member Without Portfolio

The apologies were accepted without dissent.

3. Reports of the Sabbatical Officers

3.1 Report of the Athletic Union President

Alumni weekend had been very positive for the AU. Awards night and Rugby Sevens had taken place. Several new entrants had been inducted into the Hall of Fame. The executive committee interview process was ongoing.

3.2 Report of the Association President

Pat welcomed Dylan Bruce, who would be taking over as Rectors' Assessor from Annie Newman. The councils congratulated Dylan and thanked Annie for her work.

The communications program was ongoing and work on the website would take place over the summer in time for Freshers' Week. A review of Alumni Weekend would take place. Northern Services would hold a meeting this week to discuss suppliers. Handover for new sabbaticals had begun.

Pat thanked Alex Ciric for continuing to hold down the fort as Accommodation Officer beyond the end of his term until tonight's co-option could take place.

Finally, as this was Pat's last Councils meeting he bid farewell and wished the new council members good luck.

3.3 Report of the Association Director of Events and Services

Grad Ball sales were strong and the event was on course to sell out. Bop attendance was improving with the full venue (including STAge) being opened more often. Work on final week events was ongoing.

3.5 Report of the Association Director of Student Development and Activities.

Honorary Life Membership nominations were open and members were encouraged to nominate and publicise the nominations process. Subcommittee heads should make sure their committee members' contact details were made known to Reception. Freshers' Week volunteers were being sought. Members were also reminded of the Freshers' Fund, available to help fund Freshers' events.

3.5 Report of the Association Director of Representation

Academic Council had today approved an Independent Learning Week to take place in Semester 1 from next year. In 2016-17 it would fall in week 6, to coincide with local schools holidays. This was not a holiday, and apart from the absence of lectures and teaching commitments normal responsibilities would apply to students and staff. Schools would be encouraged to use week 11 fully and possibly also the Thursday and Friday of Orientation Week to ensure all teaching was delivered.

This move was the culmination of hard campaigning by Directors of Representation and their teams, particularly Faculty Presidents, over a period of three years and as such Joe thanked all of those who had helped with what it was hoped would be a major benefit for student welfare.

4. New General Joint Business

4.1 Constitutional Changes for SSC Subcommittees Based on Motion S.16-3

These changes were **passed without dissent**.

4.2 J.16-13 Motion to Restructure the St Andrews Voluntary Service (SVS) Committee

Passed without dissent.

4.3 J.16-14 A Motion to Amend the Constitution of the Postgraduate Society of the University of St Andrews

Lauchlan asked that the representatives from the PG Society be granted full speaking rights on this motion. The Councils **agreed without dissent**. Scott Schorr and Mattias Eken then explained the changes for the benefit of the Councils.

Kyle moved an amendment to section 1 of Article III of the proposed constitution, as follows:

- Strike '12. Association Director of Student Development and Activities'

- Strike '13. Association Director of Representation'.
- Add '12. At least one sabbatical officer'.

This amendment was **passed without dissent**.

The motion as amended was passed without dissent.

5. New General SRC Business

5.1 Co-option of SRC Accommodation Officer.

Two candidates, Jenny Matthews and Joshua Paik, were put forward. Each gave a speech and was questioned by councils before a secret ballot was held of SRC members.

Results: Jenny Matthews 13 votes, Joshua Paik 1 vote, Re-open Nominations 1 vote.

Jenny Matthews was therefore co-opted as Accommodation Officer.

5.2 Co-option of SRC Member for Age Equality

Lorraine Callaghan was the only candidate for this position. Lorraine gave a speech and answered questions from councils. **Without dissent, Lorraine Callaghan was co-opted for the role.**

5.3 Co-option of SRC Postgraduate Development Officer

Alison Holiday was the only candidate for this position. Alison gave a speech and was questioned by councils. **Without dissent, Alison Holiday was co-opted for the role.**

6. New General SSC Business

None.

7. AOCB

There was a discussion about the purpose of Association branded clothing for officers and its effect.

Members were reminded to provide updates for their sections of the website and to get budget proposals for the upcoming year to the relevant sabbaticals as soon as possible.

Members were asked for photos and other content for a presentation to be shown at Board Dinner.

The Chair wished members good luck in exams.

Meeting adjourned.