

## **SRC Employability Committee**

5 December 2013 – Committee Room, SA Building

**Present:** Teddy Woodhouse (DoRep), Ondrej Hajda (SRC Education Officer), Lonie Sebahg (SRC Employability Officer, Convenor & Chair), Kelsey Gold (DoSDA)

**In attendance:** Robert Gelb (Careers Centre)

**Apologies:** Scott Schorr (PG President)

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### **1. Chair's Update.**

Lonie welcomed everyone to the inaugural SRC Employability Committee meeting. She noted that she was still building contacts with everyone in relation to her role. Her main goal for the year was to do more to support School Presidents and Class Reps on their employability-related ventures.

Teddy offered to invite Lonie to a School Presidents' Meeting around Week 3 of Semester 2.

*Action:* Teddy to invite Lonie along for Week 4 School Presidents' Meeting.

Lonie noted that she was working on the Careers Launch Conference. Kelsey noted that there were over 50 registered attendees and signs up were still going on, at £35 a head. Lonie noted that it was particularly hard to additionally advertise for the event, with Kelsey saying it was already everywhere and it was difficult to gain attention for more than two seconds.

Lonie also mentioned that she was talking with Fay (SRC Member for Students with Disabilities) about the Disabled Students' Career Fayre, potentially in Semester 2.

Lonie asked for clarification on what was available in the EYC budget. Teddy responded that the allocated budget was for her to use as she saw fit.

Lonie concluded with adding that she was considering doing a Careers Centre survey in Semester 2 similar to the EDC's Library Survey and getting some student concerns around it. Ondrej mentioned that the survey had 950 respondents so far with an undervalued marketing campaign. The Library was also going to run its own survey in mid-Feb to mid-Mar. Lonie noted that they would look at potential times at a later date.

Robert mentioned that Paul Brown would have a lot of information about previous surveys as well and brought up the Careers Centre's website as really well resourced, with LSE and Oxford using it as well. He noted that the Careers Centre had done a redesign with specific resources recently. Ondrej said that it was really common to be redirected as a student to the website. Robert remarked that the Careers Centre puts a particularly large amount of time into the Careers Centre website and that it was looking at how

to integrate it into the wider service. Kelsey noted the subject as something for the Students' Association and the Careers Centre to work collaboratively on.

## **2. DoSDA Stuff.**

Kelsey said that it would be nice to get a small focus group of students together to talk about the Professional Skills Curriculum and do more from the Students' Association to input into the project, noting that it had fallen from the DoSDA's priorities in previous years and that she would like to see more student feedback on the issue.

Kelsey also mentioned that she would like to more with SVS with a Sort-Your-Summer Volunteering Fayre. Robert noted that the Careers Centre would have resources that it could lend to support the project, e.g., a phone call or virtual participation with potential employers.

## **3. SaintConnect.**

Robert then presented the developing SaintConnect service. He summarised its core purpose as connecting alums with students and alums with other alums on the basis of skills. He demonstrated the functions relating to groups based on location, academic school, and society.

Kelsey mentioned that there were plans for a Society Presidents launch event, that she would look into inviting Robert to. Teddy noted that Robert could come along to the Feb 3 School Presidents Meeting as well.

Action: Teddy and Kelsey to invite Robert to the relevant meeting to present SaintConnect.

## **4. AOCB.**

Ondrej asked about where the St Andrews Award was currently. Robert noted that it was Bonnie Hacking in the Careers Centre who was taking the lead on the project. Kelsey summarised that currently few students are earning it but that it could be a good thing to make selective. Lonie mentioned it as a potential area for consideration in the survey.