



**University of St Andrews
Students' Association
Students' Representative Council**

MINUTES

Tuesday 24th January 2017 – Large Rehearsal Room, 6pm

Present

Member's Name	Position
Sally Allmark	Arts and Divinity Faculty President
Rebecca Ryce	Association Alumni Officer
Sigrid Jorgensen	Association Chair
Aine Bennett	Association Community Relations Officer
Robert Aston	Association Equal Opportunities Officer
Lewis Wood	Association LGBT Officer
Taryn O'Connor	Director of Events and Services
Jack Carr	Director of Representation
Caroline Christie	Director of Student Development and Activities
Emma Seckel	Principal Ambassador
Louise McCaul	Science and Medicine Faculty President
Catriona Crookes	SCR Member for Gender Equality
Christopher Wilde	SCR Member for Widening Access and Participation
Jennie Matthews	SCR Accommodation Officer
Lorraine Callaghan	SCR Member for Age Equality
Sam Ross	SCR Member for First Years
Paige Onouye	SCR Member Without Portfolio
Euan Grant	SCR Postgraduate Academic Convener
Alison Holiday	SCR Postgraduate Development Officer
Nick Farrer	SCR Wellbeing Officer

In Attendance

Iain Cupples Student Advocate (Education)/HR Manager

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Only one person had expressed interest in being co-opted as SRC Member for Students with Disabilities, and they were unable to attend this meeting. As such item 9.1 on the agenda, Co-option of SRC Member for Students with Disabilities, was dropped. It was clarified that this would not be added to the agenda of later meetings, as there was only one more SRC meeting before elections.

With this amendment the agenda was adopted.

2. Apologies and Absence

Member's Name	Position	
Mariya Simeonova	Association Environment and Ethics Officer	Apologies
Charlotte Andrew	Association President	Apologies
Ben Peddie	Athletic Union President	Absent
Dylan Bruce	Rector's Assessor	Absent

The apologies were accepted without dissent.

3. Adoption of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

To be circulated by email.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

None.

5. Open Forum

No business.

6. Reports of the Sabbatical Officers

6.1 Report of the Association President

Charlotte had sent a report mentioning the following:

- Rectorial elections would be held in October and sessions were planned after the spring break to help those who wanted to identify and approach suitable candidates to be nominated.
- A meeting was being planned between presidents of Scottish Students' Associations.
- The Principal would be giving a talk on the implications of Brexit for the University on 7th February.
- Alumni Weekend signups were now open.
- Members were encouraged to participate in the Universities Scotland Twitter campaign emphasising the importance of international students.
- Members were also urged to encourage students to nominate and stand in the elections, and to prepare a handover document for their successors.

6.2 Report of the Director of Representation

Jack said he had completed a planning document on the running of the elections, including rules etc. He was accepting applications to be on the Elections Committee.

6.4 Report of the Association Director of Events and Services

Taryn was focused on Refreshers' Week, RAG Week and Queerfest events as well as a Valentine's Day OMFG relaunch and booking Grad Ball acts. The merged shop was running a student artwork competition and Taryn asked members to publicise this if they could.

6.5 Report of the Association Director of Student Development and Activities

Caroline reported that she had been extremely busy with Race2, organising Rag Week, Refreshers' Fayre and box office volunteers for Refreshers' Week.

7. Questions for committees

7.2 Association Community Relations Committee

Community Council had met and discussed the issue of future student numbers and how these could be accommodated in the local area. There would be a Community Relations debate organised with Debates.

7.4 Association LGBT+ Committee

There would be 23 events in the next 4 weeks including Queerfest and dRAGWalk. A vacancy on the LGBTQ+ committee existed and would be filled by co-option: if members knew interested parties they should contact the committee.

7.5 Equal Opportunities Committee

The interfaith steering group would meet shortly.

7.6 Member for Racial Equality

Sigrid informed the committee that Halima had resigned and this position was now vacant.

7.7 SRC Member for Gender Equality

Work was being done on trying to get external bars and other venues to sign up to a version of the Zero Tolerance policy.

7.8 SRC Member for First Years

Sam would be visiting halls next week for Q&A sessions.

7.9 SRC Member for Age Equality

A forum for lifelong learning was being set up.

7.11 SRC Member for Widening Access and Participation

The Scottish Government was setting up a forum for consultation on potential changes to how the Disabled Students' Allowance is administered, and on improving British Sign Language provision in universities.

7.16 Education Committee

The Faculty Presidents had met with the Proctor before Christmas to discuss student input in the Teaching Excellence Framework.

7.17 External Campaigns Committee

Mental Health Awareness week events would be publicised shortly.

8. Unfinished General Business

There was no unfinished business.

9. New General Business

With the amendment to the agenda, there was no new general business.

10. Collaborative Solutions

(In camera, not minuted.)

11. AOCB

Members were asked to submit handover plans and documents by 5pm on 2nd February, except for those members whose handover was in the summer rather than after spring break: those members could hand in only a plan or outline.

End of semester reports were due by 26th January at 5pm.

The final meeting of SRC before elections would be 14th February at 6pm. Members were asked to arrive at 5pm to be available to talk to students interested in standing for positions on SRC.