



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

## AGENDA

Tuesday 17th April 2018 – Committee Room - 6.00pm

### 1. Adoption of the Agenda

### 2. Apologies for Absence

- 2.1. Olivia Sutton
- 2.2. Camilla Duke
- 2.3. Morgan Morris

### 3. Open Forum

### 4. Reports of Sabbatical Officers

- 4.1. Report of the Association Director of Education
- 4.2. Report of the Association Director of Wellbeing
- 4.3. Report of the Athletic Union President
- 4.4. Report of the Association President
- 4.5. Report of the Association Director of Events & Services
- 4.6. Report of the Association Director of Student Development & Activities

### 5. Questions for SRC Committees and Officers

- 5.1. Questions for SRC Accommodation Officer
- 5.2. Questions for SRC Member for First Years
- 5.3. Questions for SRC Member for Gender Equality
- 5.4. Questions for SRC Member for Racial Equality
- 5.5. Questions for SRC Member for Students with Disabilities
- 5.6. Questions for SRC Member for Widening Access and Participation
- 5.7. Questions for SRC Arts/Divinity Faculty President
- 5.8. Questions for SRC Science/Medicine Faculty President
- 5.9. Questions for SRC Postgraduate Academic Convener
- 5.10. Questions for SRC Postgraduate Development Convener
- 5.11. Questions for Principal Ambassador
- 5.12. Questions for Rector's Assessor
- 5.13. Questions for SRC Member Without Portfolio

### 6. Any Other Competent Business

### 7. Collaborative Solutions

# **SRC REPORTS**

## **Association Alumni Officer – Olivia Sutton**

This week has been very busy with organising the final details for the alumni weekend, which we are all very excited for! I have attended many meetings involving multiple parties and been liaising with different departments via email. I have been helping Sam Ross with whatever I can too. Over the weekend I will attend as many events as I can, and engage with the alumni to get ideas for what they would like to take see, or new ways of being actively involved with St. Andrews. I also met with Giles Dove, who set up the alumni office after he graduated from here. We had a great chat and he gave me some good ideas for the future. Apologies that I can't be at the meeting for the debrief, but will provide a detailed report of how the weekend went. Also my subcommittee is also coming together too.

## **Association Community Relations Officer – Morgan Morris**

Still in the process of finalising the committee, have the majority of positions filled. First committee meeting next hopefully and then we can get started on our May Dip campaign and division of jobs for over the summer

## **Association Environment Officer – Lauren Davis**

We only have two more weeks before revision starts, so it's going to be a busy time. By the end of next week, I will have my subcommittee chosen and I hope to start getting plans in place for next year with Fresher's and Green Week. I am buzzing with excitement to start all the planning and I have some great ideas up my sleeve. If anyone has any ideas to discuss, do not hesitate to reach out as I am always wanting suggestions and I love taking on fun projects to get more people involved.

## **Association LGBT+ Officer – Zelda Kotyk**

We now have a complete committee for next year after our AGM and a new logo. We'll be completing handovers this week and then start planning for next year. The Alumni event should go well this weekend and we will also be trying to plan something for Lesbian Day of Visibility. Otherwise everything is just getting organized for next year!

## **Association Lifelong and Flexible Learners Officer – Sarah Ramage**

We held our AGM on Friday 6 April and filled all available positions which means that we can get started on planning our events for next academic year. A number of Lifers attended Pride Walk and the Rectorial Drag, and some students will be attending the Installation of the Rector. Our next social event is attending the May Dip.

## **SRC Accommodation Officer – Lucy Allat**

This week I have met up with Chris Lusk, this was a discussion about the Hall committee training day and the reconstructing the warden system that is currently in place. I ran the thought of an 'events handbook' for hall committees and she liked the idea, and would be able to put me in touch with people around the university to help. There is a slight possibility of me visiting York university in the summer to look at the research that they have put into their new accommodation, due to me being close I will visit as a counterpart to Chris. My subcommittee applications are still open and will be until the 18<sup>th</sup> of April.

#### **SRC Member for First Year – Avery Kitchens**

No report submitted.

#### **SRC Member for Gender Equality – Isabella Smith**

This week, I met with Claire to gain a better understanding about Equal Opportunities, and to discuss plans for the future. Following the meeting, I've begun brainstorming ideas for a possible Gender Equality Forum put on by myself and our many gender equality focused societies. In the following weeks, the heads of these societies and I will meet to discuss the idea and hopefully plans for inter-society collaboration throughout the year. No report submitted.

#### **SRC Member for Racial Equality – Tomisin Animashaun**

No report submitted.

#### **SRC Member for Students with Disabilities – Emily Muller**

This week I reached out to some health-based societies in an attempt to open the lines of communication between us. I hope to understand how I can best advocate for them and serve their interests. I will be meeting with Claire, the DoWell, this Tuesday. I'll also be receiving my handover sometime next week.

#### **SRC Member for Widening Access and Participation – Ciara McCumiskey**

During elections, I was approached by a student wanting to meet up to talk about widening access. After the madness I have finally been able to arrange a time to meet up and will be meeting with her on Monday evening.

#### **Arts/Divinity Faculty President – Nicola Simonetti & Gianluca Giammei**

I don't have anything to report, except for the fact that I've been busy with the handover prep for the new Faculty President.

#### **Science/Medicine Faculty President - John Weaver & Alisa Danilenko**

I have nothing particular to report this week. Happy to have the rector installed, and to know that the UCU has accepted the offer. This should make exams much less stressful than they could have been.

### **SRC Postgraduate Academic Convener – Fanny Empacher & Ashley Clayton**

Fanny: I had a meeting to start organization for the Burn SLC PGR Getaway. Everything seems to be going and well and we're aiming to start advertising the event in two weeks.

Ashley: The PGT Exec Committee met last week, with the school PGT executive representatives, the Provost, the Dean for PGTs the academic policy officer for research and the DoEd in attendance. Discussion included the recent measures the university had taken to better integrate, initiate and advise PGTs as a direct result of feedback from the last meeting in November, as well as potential strike action alleviations and the results of the PGT Satisfaction survey.

### **SRC Postgraduate Development Convener – Mizuki Morisaki & Courtney Aitken**

Courtney shadowed Mizuki Morisaki (the current PG Development Officer) in role to prepare for the official handover in July. A handover meeting has been arranged for this Thursday 19th April.

### **Principal Ambassador – Charlie Maguire**

Our last Visiting Day of the year approaches this coming Wednesday. And it is set to be very well attended again. So far things have gone very well with lots of really positive interaction with lots of students and visitors.

Widening Participation work continues as ever! We recently helped at a day for students visiting from different pathways into higher education and preparations are underway for the various summer schools that Ambassadors are involved in.

I know am also delighted to announce that the 2018-19 Principal Ambassador will be Emma Thompson. Emma is a brilliant Ambassador and will make a wonderful Principal. She will be joining Councils from September as this is my last SRC meeting!

### **Rector's Assessor – Camilla Duke**

The Rector's Committee had an incredibly busy week last week with the Rector's Installation and the Rectorial Drag. Both events were huge successes, and we want to thank everyone who participated and made them run smoothly. Special shout out to Niamh MCGurk for going above and beyond for us!! This week we are working on processing applications for the Rector's Fund and preparing for our Open Forum with the Principal's Office on the strategic plan.

### **SRC Member Without Portfolio – Robyn Wells**

Not much to report this week. Live tweets of this weeks Council meeting are on the council twitter @StACouncils.

Myself and Shaina organised a successful social on Tuesday after our meeting, thanks to everyone who came along!