

University of St Andrews Students' Association Students' Representative Council Student Services Council

AGENDA

Tuesday 19th November 2019 – Large Rehearsal Room – 6:00pm

1. Adoption of the Agenda

2. Apologies for Absence

Ben McAuley – Principal Ambassador
Manaal Mahjoub – SSC Performing Arts Officer
Leo Capelier – SRC Member for Gender Equality
Mika Schmeling – Director of Events and Services

3. Adoption of Minutes from Previous Meetings

3.1. Joint Councils Minutes from 15/10/19

4. Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meetings

5. Open Forum

6. Updates from the Most Recent Board Meeting

7. Reports of the Sabbatical Officers

- 7.1. Report of the Athletic Union President
- 7.2. Report of the Association President
- 7.3. Report of the Association Director of Events & Services
- 7.4. Report of the Association Director of Student Development & Activities
- 7.5. Report of the Association Director of Education
- 7.6. Report of the Association Director of Wellbeing

8. Questions for Association Committees

- 8.1. Questions for Association Alumni Committee
- 8.2. Questions for Association Community Relations Committee
- 8.3. Questions for Association LGBT+ Committee
- 8.4. Questions for Association Lifelong and Flexible Learners Committee
- 8.5. Questions for Association Environment Committee

9. Questions for SSC Subcommittees

- 9.1. Questions for SSC Broadcasting Committee
- 9.2. Questions for SSC Charities Committee
- 9.3. Questions for SSC Debates Committee
- 9.4. Questions for SSC Performing Arts Committee
- 9.5. Questions for SSC Postgraduate Committee
- 9.6. Questions for SSC Societies Committee
- 9.7. Questions for SSC Music Committee
- 9.8. Questions for SSC Volunteering Committee

- 9.9. Questions for SSC Design Committee
- 9.10. Questions for SSC ENTS Committee
- 9.11. Questions for SSC On The Rocks Committee
- 9.12. Questions for SSC Member without Portfolio

10. Questions for SRC Committees and Officers

- 10.1. Questions for SRC Accommodation Officer
- 10.2. Questions for SRC Member for First Years
- 10.3. Questions for SRC Member for Gender Equality
- 10.4. Questions for SRC Member for Racial Equality
- 10.5. Questions for SRC Member for Students with Disabilities
- 10.6. Questions for SRC Member for Student Health
- 10.7. Questions for SRC Member for Widening Access and Participation
- 10.8. Questions for SRC Arts/Divinity Faculty President
- 10.9. Questions for SRC Science/Medicine Faculty President
- 10.10. Questions for SRC Postgraduate Academic Convener
- 10.11. Questions for SRC Postgraduate Development Convener
- 10.12. Questions for Principal Ambassador
- 10.13. Questions for Rector's Assessor
- 10.14. Questions for SRC Member Without Portfolio

11. New General Joint Business

- 11.1. J 19-6 Motion Supporting Name Blind Application
- 11.2. J 19-7 Motion on Supporting Lecture Capture
- 11.3. J 19-8 Motion on the 2020 Election Rules

12. New General SSC Business

- 12.1. Co-option of 3 members to the elections committee

13. New General SRC Business

- 13.1. Co-option of 3 members to the elections committee

14. Any Other Competent Business

15. Collaborative Solutions

Councillors Reports

Association Alumni Officer – Olivia Wiggins

What have I done since my last report?

Since my last report we have been working on plans for our Community Relations Week event. I have been to an OTR programming meeting and plan to collaborate and host an event at the festival. I have also started contacting speakers for our Semester 2 speaker events. I met with Camilla to discuss the J.M Barrie essay prize and have started looking at holding an event, alongside the Rector's committee to celebrate the winners. My committee have started reaching out to alumni to produce a series of case studies.

What progress has been made on my manifesto?

Coffee morning links to meaningful contact with alumni. Speaker events are career and development focused.

What do I hope to achieve by next report?

Published the first of our St Andrews case studies.

Why does what i'm doing matter to students, and how can they get involved?

We are trying to create connections between current and former students. We also want to provide examples of career trajectories as a form of guidance. Like our Facebook page for updates. If you would like information about your subcommittee shared on the Students Association LinkedIn page, message me or email saalumni@.

Association Community Relations Officer – Morgan Morris

Since my last report, we have confirmed plans for Community Relations week (week 11), along with St Andrews Day which falls at the end of CR weeks. We are now looking for volunteers for St Andrews Day so if you have a spare couple of hours please sign up on the link I will share to the council's Facebook page.

We have also begun to collate publicity material for student groups who work in the community and maintain good community relations.

Camilla, Jamie, I and POLIS have been continuing our work on Voter Registration. Voter registration drop-in sessions are continuing over the next week before the deadline to register of the 26th November, so please share and encourage everyone eligible to vote to register. There will be lots of content about registering to vote being published from CR Facebook page over the coming week, so please share where appropriate.

What progress has been made on my manifesto?

The above was all in my manifesto, and there are a few points that will come in later this semester.

What do I hope to achieve by next report?

By my next report, Community Relations Week will be well underway, so please come along to our events.

Why does what i'm doing matter to students, and how can they get involved?"

This matters because it allows students to feel more integrated into the town and shows them there are things they can get involved with outside gown side of there time in St Andrews. As always any ideas, thoughts, questions please get in touch: comrels@st-andrews.ac.uk.

Association Environment Officer – Lauren Davis

What have I done since my last report?

Progress is slow, but Sustainability in the Curriculum has gotten approval for a SITC fortnight, where we will be having talks, events, and discussions with student reps from each (or as many as we can get) department about the role of sustainability in relation to an aspect of their degree (e.g. maths and carbon capital, or film studies and a film on environmental activism over time).

What progress has been made on my manifesto? (if applicable)

Outwith Sustainability in the Curriculum (SITC), we are working on transforming the Bike Lights campaign to reach more students and ensure all students are safe when cycling around town. We are also trying to promote Fife Council's survey about their Climate Emergency plans, to get more momentum and ensure they align their goals with those of the Scottish Government.

What do I hope to achieve by next report? (What it says on the tin)

By my next report, I hope to have nailed down a concrete date for the 'Sustainability in the Curriculum' week, along with representatives from each department who are willing to help out with this awesome week of events. It is our hope to have students across the university engage with conversations, lectures, and films on environment and sustainability matters, and realise that it is relevant across all disciplines. We have a meeting with Amy (DoEd) to set this up and discuss expanding this to more of a 'class rep' status in coming years.

Why does what I'm doing matter to students, and how can they get involved? (As above)

What I am doing matters because myself and the Environment Subcommittee aim to represent and include all students in everything we do, and we want to be a positive voice for all. Sustainability in the Curriculum raises the point that environmental matters are integrated in everything we do and learn, and we hope to reach all students by making this a yearly event going forward. We also are always looking for more things to do/get involved with, so if anyone has any comments/concerns, please do get in touch.

Association LGBT+ Officer – Parker Hansen – No report submitted

Association Lifelong and Flexible Learners Officer – Sandra Mitchell

In the past few weeks lifers have reached out to Sophia Rommel and Dennis Goodztov to look into assignments that must be completed using specific software as many commuter students are having issues accessing this at home. Home is usually the best option to complete work as many commuter students don't have time to wait about in St. Andrews to use computers that have this software and inability to access this is putting them at a disadvantage. Tara King our interim Carer's rep is looking to put together a group for students with caring responsibilities and children similar to one already in place for staff. We did have our EGM a couple of weeks, unfortunately it was very poorly attended so we have had to reschedule for next week.

SSC Broadcasting Officer – Tom Groves

What have I done since my last report?

We have installed the new headphones, microphone boom arms, and fairy lights in the studio, all of which have received positive feedback from show hosts. We have printed the new show guide, as well as a large copy of the schedule, which is now pinned to the studio window. We are now utilising the studio door as poster space. The web team has made some improvements to the podcasting archive, adding password protection and clearer file names. Furthermore, we now have a bot that emails show hosts after their show, with a link to their podcast.

Seven new student musicians have been added to standrewsradio.com/music since the last report. Sounds of Sandy's: John Kite x A.K.A Prince was well-attended, considering the clash with larger events. A few shows have sent photos to content@standrewsradio.com, and we will be promoting these on our Instagram soon. We had our fastest new show process of all time: they applied on Friday, had their demo and training on Monday, and were ready to go on air Tuesday morning, bringing the total number of shows to 112, out of 116 potential slots – a STAR record. STAR has never had midnight nor 1am slots before, but they are going well, as are the 9am slots which haven't existed for years.

We are preparing for our biggest Sandy's event so far on Saturday 23rd November, with three bands travelling to St Andrews. These events are considerably less stressful now that Mika has a drum kit. We uploaded photos from the show social in The Rule, and the last Sounds of Sandy's event. Committee member of the week is now on Instagram, instead of the weekly email. Recordings from our last Rector's live lounge are available at mixcloud.com/standrewsradio/playlists/rectors-live-lounges.

Last week I ran individual meetings with each committee member, instead of one big meeting. This proved to be very useful in seeing how everyone is coping with STAR commitments. I also sent committee members a questionnaire; the majority are feeling very engaged and positive about STAR, but a few aren't. We will be changing the format of committee meetings to address this, reverting to a stricter agenda, and no longer requiring The Record, starTV, and assistants to attend every meeting.

What progress has been made on my manifesto?

Manifesto is now 57% complete. You can track progress at bit.ly/starfest0.

What do I hope to achieve by next report?

starTV is preparing to film an interview with a band in Dundee later this week, using the tripod and wireless lavalier microphones we recently bought.

Our design team is working on new merch, including stickers for starTV and The Record. They are also working on new computer backgrounds for the studio.

We are working on a skeleton calendar for next semester, so that our events are less rushed. I am planning to ask everyone on committee to research another student radio station, in order to get inspiration, and see how we are faring.

The web team is still working on finishing the first version of an Android app, and making listener stats available to shows. starTV is currently editing a behind-the-scenes video for The Rocky Horror Picture Show.

Why does what I'm doing matter to students, and how can they get involved?

These updates streamline and improve the process of hosting a radio show, and build the sense of community within STAR. You can get involved by applying for a show (there are a few slots left, though most are at 9am), writing for The Record or Hearing Aid, making videos for starTV, or illustrating content for all of the above. We are always looking for people to perform at our events. Send all queries to hello@standrewsradio.com

SSC Charities Officer – Frankie Borderie

What have I done since my last report?

I held a training day for the whole Charities Campaign. I have been project managing my subcommittees as usual and providing extra support where needed. We had Halloween stalls at the Union and had a really successful Race2 Info night, which will be followed by sign-ups on Saturday 2nd.

What progress has been made on my manifesto? (if applicable)

Improve awareness of the 3 charities - The Yard Fife, CALM, Women for Women - Training Day happened where I spoke about the three charities to our committees. The Yard visits have been organised. Specific events aimed at raising awareness of our individual charities will happen.

Increase number of students who nominate charities - This will be more applicable in March/April time - in the meantime, I am trying to highlight that our charities are student-chosen and which charities we are supporting so that students are aware that we have official charities in the first place. I am building a website which among other things, will make the nomination process clearer – this is now closer to completion.

Increase opportunities for students to get involved in charitable giving - I have been heavily promoting my office hours on Tuesdays 3-5pm in Main Bar as a way for individuals to get started in charitable giving and have scheduled posts

weekly to continue raising awareness of these. I want to advertise this through posters in the Union and through promoting charitable society events on our facebook page.

If you've made progress, great, if you haven't, explain why and what you're doing instead.

What do I hope to achieve by next report?

Have more posters up around the Union explaining what USACC is & more facebook posts about what we can do for societies. List of charitable societies in St Andrews on our website. Continued support of my subcommittees to make sure they reach their full potential.

Why does what I'm doing matter to students, and how can they get involved?

I am here to support individual students, groups, sports clubs and societies raise money for the causes they care about. We raise over £100,000 every year for over 40 different charities that students choose, including our 3 nominated charities and I would love to increase this amount and reach out to anyone who has ever wanted to donate or fundraise for charity in some way, so that everyone's ideas are able to happen, and the causes students care about continue to be represented. Students can get involved in a number of ways: FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO BE INVOLVED EVERY SO OFTEN, Sign-up to be a volunteer for one-off events (such as cloakrooms, bake sales, box office etc.); FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO BE INVOLVED WITHIN A GIVEN TIMEFRAME, Apply to be on the UK Safety Team for Race2 when applications open later this semester, or apply to be a dresser for CATWALK when applications open in Semester 2; FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO PUT ON AN EVENT, Email us to find out how our events team can help you put on an event or collaborate with your society/sports club/student group; FOR THOSE WHO DON'T KNOW WHERE TO BEGIN, Come and chat to us in our office hours 3-5pm on Tuesdays; FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO SHOW THEIR SUPPORT attend our events, race in our hitchhike, donate money to our collection tins in the Union!

SSC Debates Officer – Toni Valencia

What have I done since my last report? (This will be along the lines of stuff that goes in generally)

I have been working with the UDS Board of Ten to produce quality debate training sessions, panel discussions and public debates. The Board of Ten has been organising and preparing for next semester's public debates and finalising our society collaborations.

What progress has been made on my manifesto? (if applicable) If you've made progress, great, if you haven't, explain why and what you're doing instead.

Majority of my manifesto has already been completed. To ensure that the points are continuously implemented, I've been working with UDS Board of Ten to ensure that they are effective. More specifically, the bursary scheme has been quite effectively promoted. I have also been ensuring that we have non-alcoholic options for the

public debates' port reception and for the prize for the best floor speech to ensure inclusivity.

What do I hope to achieve by next report? (What it says on the tin)

I hope to work more on creating more novice workshops throughout the semester so that anyone can join the UDS whenever they want to, even if they were unable to do so in the beginning of the semester. We are planning to create public speaking workshop for the second semester as well as novice workshops for those who have not gone to training previously in the semester!

Why does what i'm doing matter to students, and how can they get involved? (As above)

I want to make sure that as many students of the university are able to participate in the UDS public debates, panel discussions and training sessions! Any student can come to our training sessions which are Wednesdays at 2:00pm in the Large Rehearsal Room on the top floor of the Union. Also come to our public debates and panel discussions which happen on Thursday nights. This week we are hosting a panel discussion in collaboration with Nightline St. Andrews on the topic of Mental Health. We have 6 great speakers lined up for this panel so come along and ask questions to our panelists!

SSC Design Team Convenor – Edward Spencer

*"What have I done since my last report?
(This will be along the lines of stuff that goes in generally)*

- *We ran a joint class with PhotoSoc on Lightroom*
- *I ran a class on creative résumés*
- *We have had meetings with CAPOD about our class collaborations for next semester and first semester next year*
- *We have had a meeting discussing our plans for our plans for a creatathon with people including DoES, DoSDA and a representative from the careers centre.*
- *We have introduced and had our first mandatory new project meetings to try to reduce the number of clients who don't use the work that we produce for them or who stop communicating with us.*

If you've made progress, great, if you haven't, explain why and what you're doing instead.

- *Unfortunately due to deadlines and pressing issues, we have not been able to get all of the photos published this week.*

What do I hope to achieve by next report? (What it says on the tin)

By the next report, we will have run another class for volunteers as well as begun planning a Halloween event. We also will be making progress in our current projects.

- *I hope to have all of the photos published from the events that we have covered.*
- *I hope that we will have pushed further forward with more of the projects that we currently have ongoing.*

Why does what I'm doing matter to students, and how can they get involved? (As above)"

- *We are always looking for volunteers if you are interested get in touch with me via sadt@st-andrews.ac.uk*
- *We also run events and free classes keep an eye on FaceBook and our website for more details.*

SSC Arts Festival Convenor – Holly Scrivener – Submitted Late, no reason given

"What have I done since my last report?"

We've programmed the festival! We're working closely to confirm all of this with Mika, but we now essentially have a festival.

What do I hope to achieve by next report?

To have sent out confirmation of programming allocations to all events, and to have started holding contract signings.

Why does what i'm doing matter to students, and how can they get involved?

Lots of opportunities for various students to get involved in putting on an event coming up!

SSC Member without Portfolio – Gavin Sandford – No report submitted

SSC ENTS Convenor – Paul Lancaster – No report submitted

SSC Performing Arts Officer – Manaal Mahjoub

"What have I done since my last report?"

Christmas Ball ticket sales were a huge success as always - I hope everyone who wanted to get tickets managed to and is excited for what I'm sure will be a great evening. Our Productions Coordinator has written a 'How to Propose a Show' guide, just in time for our proposal meeting this Wednesday to determine our Barron and St.Age shows for the next semester. I met with the production teams of both our Byre shows for next semester and at the moment of writing this report I plan to meet with the Byre tech team on Sunday to come up with ways to ensure communication between us and the Byre flows smoothly.

What do I hope to achieve by next report? (What it says on the tin)

By the next report, I hope all auditions for our next semester shows will have taken place.

Why does what I'm doing matter to students, and how can they get involved?

This week is the Freshers' Drama Festival (which is why I'm unable to attend this meeting). This means that every single evening there are two shows in the Barron (one at 6 and one at 8) completely produced and acted by people who have never done theatre in St Andrews before. Come along and see the potential that the Barron has!

SSC Societies Officer – Markus Lee

What have I done since my last report?

I am currently working on several projects at the same time. I am looking to make a societies booklet for use in freshers fayre and university events. I am also changing the Health and Safety training, since it looks like the training isn't very effective at the moment.

In terms of affiliation, 39 societies are still pending GRA approval. 113 societies are fully affiliated. 9 societies are still missing some requirements and therefore have had their room bookings frozen.

What progress has been made on my manifesto? (if applicable)

N/A

What do I hope to achieve by next report? (What it says on the tin)

Hopefully we will have gotten started on the design for the societies booklet as well as test out the new Health and Safety training on some societies.

Why does what I'm doing matter to students, and how can they get involved? (As above)"

It matters to students because societies are a core part of the university, and most students are involved with at least one society. We hope to have as many societies as possible affiliated to the Union.

SSC Volunteering Officer – Lisa-Marie Husby – No report submitted

SSC Postgraduate Officer – Blake Purchase – No report submitted

SRC Accomodation Officer – N/A

SRC Member for First Years – Polina Sevastyanova – No report submitted

SRC Member for Gender Equality – Leonor Capelier

What have I done since my last report?

I have continued to work on the panel discussion with having Dr Allison Kerr, Emma Cate Whitefield, Anoushka Kohli, and representatives from FRASAC and Scottish Trans Alliance all as confirmed speakers. The event has been made and has been publicised in the library and on Facebook.

I have collaborated with FemSoc for Reclaim the Night (25th November) in promoting and helping to run the event on the day.

I emailed The Saint asking whether they could ask local politicians on what they're doing to tackle SGBV in the community.

What progress has been made on my manifesto?

I have established better communicative efforts between gender-related societies. I have made working on events which ensures gender-related issues reach a wide audience.

What do I hope to achieve by next report?

I hope to plan a collaboration for International Women's Day.

I have reviewed the zero tolerance policy and hope to implement changes to its wording.

I intend to set up a meeting with someone from GotConsent to investigate the possibility of creating an informative poster to be displayed in halls.

Why does what I'm doing matter to students, and how can they get involved?

Keeping students informed about the avenues of help and action against GBV.
Ensuring gender-related events reach a large audience.
Facilitating communication between gender-related societies.

SRC Member for Racial Equality – Zoe Ruki

What have I done since my last report?

Multicultural Week happened! We had over 300 people attend the Multicultural Food Festival which included students, families and local community.

What progress has been made on my manifesto? (if applicable)

I ran Multicultural Week and it was a success.

What do I hope to achieve by next report? (What it says on the tin)

Email Admissions to start up diversity initiative again.

Start looking into reporting discrimination with Student Services and the DoWell.

Why does what I'm doing matter to students, and how can they get involved? (As above)

I hope to educate students about different cultures in St Andrews and celebrate everyone's cultural backgrounds. Students can get involved by attending events.

SRC Member for Students with Disabilities – Emily Muller – No report submitted

SRC Member for Student Health – Emma Rose Walsh

My reports for this week are that I am still working on the revamp of the Help Hub on the Union website. This was a part of my manifesto so that people can have a more centralized place to access information about the health and wellbeing services available to them.

Beyond that, I am meeting soon with our Mental Health Rep to begin work on Wellbeing Week 2020 and have transitioned onto chairing the Wellbeing Subcommittee. Flora and I are seeing how that works, and so far we are quite happy with it.

SRC Member for Widening Access and Participation – Britt McArdle

What have I done since my last report?

I have joined the C.A.S.H. (Campaign for Affordable Student Housing) Core Team - before the upcoming councils meeting the campaign will have officially launched. There will be more updates on this in coming weeks, but essentially the campaign aims to address the new Albany Park development as well as advocate for affordable accomodation in St Andrews more generally. On this note, if anyone who has, or knows someone who has, experienced issues relating to the affordability of housing and/or who lived in Albany Park, would be happy to share their experiences with me (can be done so anonymously if you wish!) that'd be extremely helpful!

I have also been working on putting together a thorough guide to financial help in St Andrews - I'm hoping that this will be done in the next week or so. When it is, the aim is to post infographics on the Union webiste and social media to gain awareness for the various sources of funding available to students, and make the process of applying for help more accessible.

I've also attended the usual Wellbeing and Equal Opportunities meetings.

What progress has been made on my manifesto?

I'm continuing to work on projects that endeavour to make St Andrews a much more equal and accessible place, including on several of the key aspects my manifesto focused on (i.e. accomodation, financial help, and widening access).

What do I hope to achieve by next report?

I will be continuing to work on the above projects, as well as to hopefully make more progress on the Widening Access network.

Why does what i'm doing matter to students, and how can they get involved?

It matters because people from WAP backgrounds deserve the best from their university experience, and there's still a lot of work to be done to make St Andrews an inclusive, affordable (or at least more affordable) place! Things like promoting wellbeing, providing information on helpful resources such as bursaries, and advocating for affordable accommodation, are important for everyone, irrespective of their background.

Anyone can get involved with as much or as little commitment as suits them just by getting in touch with me about anything I'm working on, or anything they'd like me to work on! Email: bs200 Facebook: Britt McArdle

Arts and Divinity Faculty President – Sophia Rommel

What have I done since my last report?

I attended and took the minutes for EduComm. In this meeting, we discussed the Museum's new student-oriented plans, setting up a meeting with the Head of the Careers Dept and some School Presidents, wellbeing, student representation on particular School-related committees, strikes, outreach programs, and the workload for School Presidents. Importantly, we also consolidated what we would like to talk about at our upcoming School Presidents' Forum.

By the time this report is read, I will have already attended the School Presidents' Forum. Akin to EduComm, topics will include strikes and student representation (e.g. I believe Biology does not sit on her School's Teaching and Learning committee, whereas most School Presidents do). We will also follow up on the Vertically Integrated Projects discussed at our last School Presidents' Forum. We will also discuss the restructuring of the Academic Calendar further.

Moreover, Amy, Dennis, and I are in the process of organising a meeting to discuss the Faculty-wide Magazines I reported on last time, as we would really love to develop this project (alongside School Presidents and other students; their feedback is the key). Amy and I are also planning on meeting in Week 10 or 11 to touch base at large about all the things we have done so far this semester and what we would like to do next semester.

On Friday (Nov 15th), I hosted an EduComm Potluck, which was incredibly lovely and gave the School Presidents a great chance to socialise outside of EduComm.

I have also been emailing with the Commuter Students Rep (Lifers sub-committee) regarding the fact that some Schools are asking students to use technology and software which cannot easily/cannot at all be used on home computers. In response to this issue, I have asked Amy to put the topic on the Agenda for the upcoming School Presidents' Forum, as I would like to talk to the Deans/Proctor about this and whether we can make such requirements more accessible/solve the issue entirely.

Other than that, I've just been promoting School Presidents' and Joint Councils' members' events on social media, as well as answering some emails and questions from School Presidents. As usual, I also hosted my office hour in Rector's on Thursday (4-5pm).

I have also set a meeting date for early next semester with the head of the Minorities and Philosophy Chapter (MAP) and the head of the Afro-Caribbean Society, as we would like to hold a panel discussion event or the like next semester. However, in order to do so, we must first talk about our ideas and individual schedules. Moreover, the head of MAP and I will meet separately next semester to finalise our arrangements for the E&D-related panel discussion we will be hosting next semester (either in May or slightly beforehand). I am really looking forward to these projects!

Lastly, I met with Dr Woodfield and Dennis to discuss E&D goals, the Race Equality Charter (and its working group), and the People's Strategy. As I am currently editing a document containing the key points and goals we discussed, I will report more on this at the next meeting.

What progress has been made on my manifesto?

My above tasks are in line with my key manifesto points of representing students' voices to the best of my ability, supporting Amy and the School Presidents, and organising new projects (such as the magazine initiative). Some of the initiatives I have been working on also extend beyond my manifesto's remit, which is great, as my role largely responds to the voices of the School Presidents and wider student body.

What do I hope to achieve by next report?

I hope to meet with Dennis to discuss the ID modules' SSCCs and rep reports, as well as some other pertinent issues that have arisen this semester (e.g. windframs campaign and students' involvement in this, wellbeing reps in the Schools, technology and software accessibility for all students, the Faculty Magazines).

I also aim to organise an EduComm Christmas Dinner with Amy and Dennis, since the School Presidents seem quite keen to have one. It's incredibly lovely to be working with such a motivated, enthusiastic, and supportive team of leaders!

I will also be attending the final Academic Councils of this semester in early December, alongside Dennis, which I am very much looking forward to.

Further, Ed Winters (a vegan activist) will hopefully come to St Andrews next semester. Originally, myself, Effective Altruism, and the Philosophy Society had set up a working group with Ed's publicist to create a lecture series (alongside a few other events) for Ed. This was meant to take place in September 2019, but Ed unfortunately had to reschedule. Thus, I hope discussions and plans will soon resume, so we can get Ed to come to StA and participate in some events next semester.

Additionally, I hope to have kept working on the initiatives outlined in the first section of this report.

Other than the above, I am sure some tasks here and there will pop up, so I hope to remain flexible and achieve any short-term goals which come my way in response to such tasks.

Why does what I'm doing matter to students, and how can they get involved?

A lot of what Amy, Dennis and I do is focused on education and University policy, which directly impacts the students. As always, anyone who has an interest in any of the above initiatives and events I have mentioned is welcome to contact me at artdivfp@.

Science and Medicine Faculty President – Dennis Goodtzov – No report submitted

SRC Postgraduate Academic Convenor – Emma Whitefield – No report submitted

SRC Postgraduate Development Officer – Ana Maria Neferu

What have I done since my last report? (This will be along the lines of stuff that goes in generally)

I met Rowan from the Proctor's Office to discuss updates on their PG experience action plan. Things are moving forward in some directions, particularly by having the Mental Health Strategy pretty much approved. We also discussed that PGs are not aware of all opportunities they have, which goes back to communication being a big issue but one that has no immediate, easy solution.

I attended a People Strategy focus group and discussed postgrad-relevant issues. One thing that the AVP Diversity mentioned is that a recurring theme coming from focus groups is that people (both students and Uni staff) do not have a good enough awareness of how the University works, and this results in random outcomes. This goes back to the issues of communication I hope to address through my role.

I spoke about my role and how the Union can help with postgrad wellbeing at a Physics Postgrad Wellbeing lunch. I proposed a similar event to the School of Chemistry and they are moving forward with it.

I spoke to someone from Communications and they want to tailor the December graduation to postgrads more, because they realized that almost exclusively postgrads graduate in December.

What progress has been made on my manifesto? (if applicable)

See above on communication and mental health. I am also advertising more and more events and opportunities on the PG Soc Facebook page, which seems to successfully attract more postgrads to Union events.

If you've made progress, great, if you haven't, explain why and what you're doing instead.

What do I hope to achieve by next report? (What it says on the tin)

Keep thinking about how to improve communication so that postgrads are aware of the resources and opportunities they can access through the Union or the university. I still haven't followed up with the other PG execs about potentially improving the Monday Postgraduate emails to address communication better.

Why does what i'm doing matter to students, and how can they get involved? (As above)

Same reply as always: all I am doing boils down to improving the postgraduate student experience. They can get involved by continuing to share their needs with me and giving me feedback on how effectively I am working to address them.

SRC Member without Portfolio – Rowan Wishart

Nothing to report

Principal Ambassador – No report submitted

Rectors Assessor

What have I done since my last report?

Since my last report, we have launched our informational campaign on the Senior Lay Member elections, so please continue sharing our graphics if you have not done so already! We have also sent out an all student email about the Washstation survey, which has boosted responses. The survey closed on Friday so that campaign is moving into its next stages. Along with Morgan and Jamie, I have been working on registering students to vote in the General Election in December, and we have a big day of action planned for the 26th of November, which is the registration deadline. We are also very excited to have finalized details for our speaker event this Thursday. John O'Shea is coming to speak on the topic of social entrepreneurship and the role of young people, so please do come along! I have also been supporting the planning for Reclaim the Night, which is next Monday! It would be wonderful to see you all there.

What do I hope to achieve by next report?

By the next report (next semester!), I hope to have successfully turned out students to vote in both the SLM elections and the General Election in December. I also hope to have finalized details for our next speaker event in February. By the next councils meeting, we will hopefully have made progress on the Washstation and Universal Credit issues as well.

Why does what i'm doing matter to students, and how can they get involved?

Much of my work this semester has focused on elections, both internally in the University community and externally. If anyone is keen to get involved in registering students to vote in the General Election or being an elections advocate for the SLM elections, send me a message!

Motions