

## **MINUTES**

### **STUDENTS' COUNCIL – Ayr**

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February, 1pm, room GT 7

Chair, Ewan McCreath, Campus President Ayr

Campus President Ayr submitted apologies for the meeting, members were asked if the Sports President could Chair, members unanimously agreed.

## **AGENDA**

### **1. Sederunt**

Alastair Adamson	Sports President (Chair)
Pearl Willis	Ordinary Trustee Ayr
Karen Little	Adult Nursing
Lisa Loubser	Mental Health Nursing
Paul Moran	Ayr Football President

### **2. Acceptance of Apologies**

Paul O'Neill	Mental Health Nursing
Louise Rowan	Primary Education
Niomi Sloan	Primary Education
Kris Kerr	Computing

### **3. Acceptance of Minutes from the previous meeting (a) Matters arising from those minutes-**

### **4. Acceptance of the report of the business of the Association**

Members read through the report of Campus President Ayr. Members state that Parking is ok, if students get in early enough they generally can get a space. Pearl Willis states however that the UWS Security team place sticky notes on cars which are in undesignated areas and this may damage the car therefore should not be allowed, adds that this can constitute criminal damage and depending on where they are placed can restricts vision which ultimately can cause an accident. Pearl Willis suggests that a better way of upholding this policy could be to note the Registration Number of the vehicle and notify the owner of unauthorised parking, the University may also want to 'name and shame' those who have breached the rules.

Members commended CPA on the work relating to the Safe Space campaign, SR Co-ord informs members with regards to the lighting at the riverside, this is being looked at with the UWS and the local Council, CPA will be kept updated and included in any consultations. Council members will be updated on any developments.

Concern was raised by members regarding students not using the Union as much, state that it is not much cheaper than in a pub in town, promotions at local clubs can often out-price the Union. Paul Moran states that the Union is quite small and clubs have a comfier space to sit in, suggests that perhaps the Union could consider their own drinks promotion on quietest days, adds that the location is not great as students will have a drink in their accommodation and then go straight to town via taxi. Sports President informs members of licensing implications for drinks promotions, however adds that consideration will be given to this idea.

Pearl Willis comments on the departure of the Depute President Education and Welfare (DPEW) stating that CPA has taken on additional University Committee meetings as a result of this, asks members to consider if CPA should prioritise his time for Ayr only students in need of assistance or University committees which represents all students? SR Co-ord informs members that representation and welfare advice required by students is included in the SR Co-ord and Welfare Campaigns and Activities Co-ordinator remits and any student requiring assistance in any capacity will receive it. Members state that the CPA should go where he needs to in order to represent the student of Ayr Campus whether this is individually or otherwise, members also state however that it would be helpful if he was here to represent individual students should they need his help.

There are no further questions or comments, CPA report is unanimously accepted.

Members read through the Presidents Report. Sports President informs members that some of the items in the Report will be further discussed later in the agenda. Ask if there are any questions or comments from Members, there are none, report unanimously accepted.

Sports President gives a verbal report. Informs members that over the three campuses development of Sports teams and Societies has been good and that new groups are doing well. Ayr Campus now has 4 societies including a Harry Potter Society which is doing really well, adds that there is also a new Computer Game Society starting which is an Academic Society and can complement their course of study. Adds that if anyone wants to start up a Society, including Academic Societies or Sports Team just get in touch with the Sports President. Informs members of the preparations for the next Sports Ball being held on the 26<sup>th</sup> April, adds that tickets will be £20 and is being held in Paisley

Sports President invites questions or comments from members, members would like to know how to find out about currently running Societies and Teams, Sports President suggest they can email the Sports President on [sp@sauws.org.uk](mailto:sp@sauws.org.uk) or CPA on [cpa@sauws.org.uk](mailto:cpa@sauws.org.uk), there is also an extensive list on the SAUWS website however adds that some are cross-campus and some are at one campus only, but to find out just get in touch.

**5. Acceptance of the reports and minutes of committee-** None

**6 Business Introduced by Officer Bearers-**

**(a) Retaining Scotland's Potential campaign update**

Members are informed of the actions the President has taken in order to address some of the recent issues with SAAS delays and funding in general, actions included taking a Christmas Card to SAAS HQ and holding a meeting with the Chief Executive of SAAS to make recommendations for the future (this meeting was held with student officers from Glasgow University and Glasgow Caledonian University), members are also informed that with high dropout rates here at UWS this

issue is more prevalent here. Members commend the President for his actions. There are no questions or further comments related to this.

**(b) ICT update**

Sports President asks members if they have any problems or comments with regards to the University ICT facilities, adds that last year wi-fi was off and on and several other issues related to access were raised. Pearl Willis states that she has recently used wi-fi which kept cutting out due to a low signal. Sports President reminds students that ICT can only record and address issues if they are reported, to report an issue please email [helpdesk@uws.ac.uk](mailto:helpdesk@uws.ac.uk) or call 0141 848 3999 or go to the reception desk for ICT. Members were also informed that it is hopeful that a senior member of ICT staff would be attending the next meeting of Council to discuss any issues.

**(c) Mental Well Being Policy – for approval**

Sports President informs members that this policy is for approval and asks members to read it. States that as the DPEW has now departed the responsibility for this will sit with the Sports President and the Welfare Campaigns and Activities Co-ordinator. There are no questions, the Policy is unanimously accepted.

**(d) SAUWS Elections**

Sports President informs members that the Student elections are open and voting will start soon, asks members to check their Banner Email account for their unique username and password which must be used to vote, adds that this may have been sent to their junk/spam inbox and to check it as well. Clarification is sought from members of when nominations close as it is not clear on the website. Sports President states that it is detailed in the Nomination Form however this is something that can be looked at for the future. Members also ask why the voting username and password are going to the junk/spam folder. Sports President suggests this is an ICT issue and something that will be addressed for future elections.

**(e) Learning and Teaching Awards (see Presidents report)**

Sports President outlines the Learning and Teaching Awards, states that it aims to recognise teaching staff who go above and beyond their normal duties and who have innovative and creative ideas in teaching their subject. Awards include Best Personal Tutor, Fantastic Feedback, Promoting Employability and Personal Development, Best Supervisor, Be Inspired Award, Promoting Inclusive Learning and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Teaching. Informs members that full details of each of the awards and how to nominate are available on the SAUWS website.

**(f) SAUWS Student Awards**

Sports President outlines that for the first time ever, SAUWS will be hosting Student Awards, this is to recognise the work of our students who are not involved in Sports Teams or Societies. Awards here include STAR Group of the Year, Campaign of the Year, Course Rep of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Students' Council Rep of the Year, SAUWS Student of the Year and Activist of the Year. Full details of these awards and how to nominate will be published on the SAUWS website in due course.

**(g) Cash machine outside the Union**

Council members are asked what they would like SAUWS to do with regards to the Cash Machine outside the Union as we are aware it is constantly braking and for long periods of time only gives out £20 notes. Members suggest getting a replacement machine would be the most favourable option however add that if it is possible to get £5 notes this may help, also regular maintenance

may avoid the problem altogether. Members are informed that the University Canteen does take Debit Cards however only on £4 or more being spent. Sports President suggests that SAUWS can lobby Estates and Buildings Department (who agreed to have the machine) to get it fixed as it has heavy usage. Members are also aware of a free cash machine at the local shop next to old campus not too far from Halls.

## **7. Motions-**

Sports President informs members of the purpose of motions and that where appropriate all motions will be taken to each campus Students' Council to be debated. Also informs members of how to vote.

### **(a) Condemn the action of some at the NUS Demo 21.11.12**

SR Co-ord informs members that this motion is known as a Resolution. This resolution instructs SAUWS to condemn the actions of some individuals for their behaviour at the Demo and for SAUWS trustees, present at the demo, to sign an open letter stating such.

Sports President invites members to vote to agree, disagree or abstain.

*Agree: 3*

*Disagree: 0*

*Abstain: 1*

*The resolution is upheld*

### **(b) Auctions in aid of charity and SAUWS student groups**

SR Co-ord informs members that as the proposer of the motion are unable to attend the meeting, the *Speech For* will be read on their behalf. SR Co-ord reads 'Eliot Harrison states that the Ceilidh was hosted by the Hockey and Rugby teams, together we decided to have an auction to 'sell' people for an hour of their time, we were asked to call it a 'player' auction and everyone who took part did so willingly. Adds that Children in Need, Cancer Research and the Whitehouse have all used this activity for fundraising.'

Sports President invites members to ask questions. Members seek clarification on what this type of auction is – Sports President outlines that it is a fundraising activity where someone is 'bought' to perform a function to the 'buyers' request. Adds that this motion is related to an event held at the Union where players were 'auctioned' for an hour of their time on the night.

There is no speech against.

Council move to vote

*For: 3*

*Against: 0*

*Abstain: 1*

*The motion passes*

### **(c) Sports President title renamed to Activities President**

#### **i. Amendments x3**

The Chair is passed to Pearl Willis (Ordinary Trustee Ayr) for this motion. Council agree by unanimous vote.

SR Co-ord informs members that as the proposer of the motion are unable to attend the meeting, the speech for will be read on their behalf. SR Co-ord reads 'Cameron Stewart states that this is an important motion, the Sports President title suggests that it only covers sports and not societies, the societies feel perhaps there is not support for them. Activities will better represent what is actually done allowing sports and societies to feel they have equal say and support.'

Pearl Willis asks if there are any questions, there are none.

- **Council move to Amendment 1**

SR Co-ord informs members that as the proposer of this amendment are unable to attend the meeting, the *Speech For* will be read on their behalf. SR Co-ord reads 'Cameron Stewart states that there is an error in the original motion it would not be possible to have the change in time for the next election, this amendment asks for the change from the earliest point possible.'

Speech against is not taken

Council move to vote

*For: unanimous  
The amendment passes*

- **Council move to Amendment 2**

SR Co-ord informs members that as the proposer of this amendment are unable to attend the meeting, the *Speech For* will be read on their behalf. SR Co-ord reads 'Jack Douglas states that this is good motion but activities is too vague as it can include Transition UWS, STAR Groups, welfare, campaigns and more, there will be too many questions about what the remit is. At other unions there are Sabbs called Societies President and only deal with societies. We also need to communicate the position better therefore Sports and Societies President is the most appropriate title to use.

Speech against not taken

Council move to vote

*For: unanimous  
The amendment passes*

- **Council move to Amendment 3**

Speech For: Sports President states that this amendment is similar to amendment 2, however as the Sabbatical officer in this role currently he know more about the role and its remit, added a few more details which makes it clearer what the role is.

Speech against not taken

Council move to vote

*For: unanimous  
The amendment passes*

Council move to speech against on main motion as amended

Speech against not taken.

Council move to vote

*For: unanimous  
Motion passes with amendments*

The Chair is handed back to Sports President.

- (d) Trident**
- (e) Worker's Rights Consortium**

Sports President informs members that the 'Trident' and 'Workers Rights Consortium' motions have been withdrawn by the proposers of the motions and will be submitted at a later date.

## **8. Elections-**

### **(a) Disciplinary Committee**

Sports President informs members that the disciplinary committee is responsible for upholding the Code of Discipline as set out in Appendix 5 of the SAUWS constitution and are expected to reprimand students who breach any rules. Fair and equal treatment is expected at all times and full training and support will be given to aid the running of the committee.

*Chair: Not taken*

*Depute chair: Not taken*

Ordinary member – Proposed: Lisa Loubser, seconded: Pearl Willis,

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Positions of Chair and Depute Chair will be taken to the next meeting of Council

### **(b) Elections Committee**

There is no uptake therefore this item will be taken to the next meeting of Council.

## **9. AOCB-**

There is no other business. Sports President thanks members for their time and input.

*Start: 1.10pm  
Finish: 2.40pm*