

MINUTES

STUDENTS' COUNCIL (SRC) HAMILTON

Tuesday 24th March 2015, 1pm, Room A723 (Almada)

In the Chair, Lauren Miller, Depute President Education and Welfare

AGENDA

1. Sederunt

Lauren Miller	Depute President Education and Welfare (DPEW)
Ryan Wood	Sports President
Douglas McWhirter	Campus President Hamilton Elect
Connor Findley	Computer Games Design
Drew McDonald	Computing
Michael Harrower	Computer Games Design

In attendance

Claire Lumsden	Student Representation Co-ordinator (SRCo-ord)
David Devlin	Membership Development Manager (MDM)

2. Acceptance of Apologies

Isla Todd	Campus President Hamilton (CPH)
Jack Douglas	President
Fraser Ellis	PG International Management
Stephen Russell	Secretary, LGBT+ STAR Group
Gavin Murray	Social Science

3. Acceptance of Minutes from the previous meeting

(a) Matters arising from those minutes-

- i. Sports President states that under item 4, for his report, 68 should be 27.
Minutes accepted

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

DPEW reads through report. States that the 'Paws Against Stress' sessions at Hamilton went really well with over 70 students attending, we will be organising more sessions for next year and we are hopeful we can bring it to all 4 of our main campuses. We are currently analysing the feedback for its effectiveness. We have also been meeting with staff and SPARQS to discuss the development of our first Student Partnership Agreement, the mass membership survey will feed into the document, but we will also set up focus groups to inform the content. We are expected to provide a draft Agreement to the Student Experience Group by 27th April which would allow it to pass for new academic session. The recording of lectures policy is going to the Education Advisory Committee meeting with Malcolm Foley (Vice Principle Education) hopeful it will pass and be implemented by September in time for the new academic term. There are a number of options to use however one which is being looked at includes

short 5 minute recordings of a topic but there will also be full recordings available for students with disability support. There are no questions. DPEW report accepted

Sports President informs members that the BUCS season is coming to an end and we have done really well this year. States that the West/East Varsity completion has taken place, although we didn't win it was a great day. Informs members that the Get Wet Week as part of the Healthy Body Healthy Mind campaign went really well and it was good to get students engaged, hopefully as a result of our activities this year we will build on the stars from last year. There are no questions, Sports president report accepted.

DPEW notes that due to President and CPH unable to attend, they have not submitted reports

5. Acceptance of the reports and minutes of committees - None

6 Business Introduced by Officer Bearers-

(a) Elections and referendum results (verbal update)

Sports President talks through results. States that this year we received the most votes ever at 1500 (exactly) meaning the votes are up by 13% from last year and students were voting for most positions as well rather than one or two, all voters were also able to vote for the Campus Presidents.

The sabbatical officers for 2015-16 are:

President: Jack Douglas

Depute President Education and Welfare: Lauren Miller

Sports President: Simon Cain

Campus President Hamilton: Douglas McWhirter

Campus President Ayr: Herborg Hansen

The NUS Scotland Conference Delegation are:

Jack Douglas (automatic place)

Lauren Miller

John Black

Iain Shepherd

Rebecca Skinner

Ashley Forrester

Kevin McKinley

The NUS UK Conference Delegates are:

Jack Douglas (automatic place)

Lauren Miller

John Black

Heather Armstrong

Drew McDonald asks how we will increase the number of votes, MDM states that there is still a lot to do, the average for Students' Associations is 10%-15%, we are looking to increase ours to 15%. Adds that we do spend more on our bars than on democracy so we need more resources to improve our numbers. Also states that this is why those who hadn't vote received a few emails, we would have liked to send texts as well but we didn't have the budget.

7. Motions (attached) –

(a) Referendum result – ratification

Speech for is taken by the Sports President. States that at the last Students' Council members voted to honour the result of the referendum, regardless of the outcome. The outcome was that in total 453 students voted and 85.4% voted for yes. The new constitution includes better representation for Dumfries and collaborative colleges, it also strengthens the cross campus representation as there are positions on the Executive Committee for Campus Officers, it also includes Liberation officers including Care Leavers and a Societies Officer. There will also be better accountability and transparency in the form of a Union Chair.

There is no speech against

Council move to vote,

*For: Unanimous
The motion passes*

DPEW passes Chair to Sports President

(b) Free Period. Tax free.

Speech for is taken by DPEW. States that women have to pay for sanitary products which are taxed as a 'non-essential luxury item', this can be viewed as the government taxing women's bodies, adds that condoms are given out for free and having sex is a choice however having a period is not, this motion is asking for the Uni and SAUWS to give sanitary products for free. Even a simple sign saying that the Students' Association can provide these for free if students are caught short or have no change would be a good start. The University or SA should not be profiting from sanitary products sold or provided.

There is no speech against

Council move to vote,

*For: Unanimous
The motion passes*

Chair returns to DPEW

8. Elections-

(a) Disciplinary Committee (2x Ordinary Members)

(b) Elections Committee (2x Ordinary Member)

The positions noted above remain vacant and will be tabled at the next meeting of Council.

9. AOCB-

There is no other business raise. Chair declares the meeting closed.

*Start: 13.10
Finish: 13.45*