

## STUDENTS' COUNCIL (SRC) PAISLEY

### Minutes

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 4.30pm, Level 1 Union building

In the Chair, Cara Lee, Depute President Education and Welfare

### AGENDA

#### 1. Sederunt

Cara Lee	Depute President Education and Welfare (DPEW)
Garry Quigley	President
Alastair Adamson	Sports President
Jack Douglas	Ordinary Trustee Paisley
Stuart McCabe	Ordinary Trustee Paisley
Cameron Stewart	Social Science
Heather Armstrong	Social Science
Jamie Kinloch	Social Science
Konstantinos Zidianakis	Information Technology
Elliot Harrison	Information Technology
Maxwell Tcheunou	Business Technology
Stuart Clark	Games Development
Mark Dunlop	Business Technology
Dougie Ritson	Accounting
Michael Leece	Human Resource Management
Gemma Willman	Events Management
Godfrey Mutazu	Civil Engineering
Steven Oates	Physics with Nuclear Technology
Harley Rigden	Bioscience and Zoology
Ross Deanie	UWS Pyros team

#### In attendance

Claire Lumsden	Student Representation Co-ordinator (SR Co-ord)
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#### 2. Acceptance of Apologies

Caroline Sharp	General Manager (GM)
William Robb	Computer Networking
Eilidh Cole	Music Technology
Daniel Williamson	Music Technology
Rory O'Flaherty	Computer Animation
Levi Donnelly	Computer Animation
David Sherlock	Business Technology
David Barclay	Business Technology

Jasmen Pioli	Business Technology
Thomas Hornoff	Computing
Laura McCartney	Web and Mobile Development
Robert Houston	Web and Mobile Development
Greg Armstrong	Languages
Shujaat Khan	Civil Engineering
Stephen Kelly	Psychology
Klaudia Grzelak	Events Management/LGBTQ STAR group representative
Scott Dunn	Human Resource Management
Claire-Bridie Stilwell	Human Resource Management
Lucy Miller	Human Resource Management
Lisa Jackson	Human Resource Management

- 3.** Acceptance of Minutes from the previous meeting  
(a) Matters arising from those minutes-  
None, minutes unanimously accepted

**4.** Acceptance of the report of the business of the Association (attached)  
DPEW outlines that she has been to graduations where Paisley's Paolo Nutini received an honorary doctorate from the University for his contribution to music and the local community. States that SAUWS was represented at the NUS Scotland Zone Conference where we and other Scottish institutions discussed ideas for campaigns and policy development. Also attended Zero Tolerance training and it is hoping the SAUWS can become an accredited site for Zero Tolerance which will focus on eliminating sexual harassment against women and men on our campuses and will show that UWS is a safe space for all and everyone is welcome. Informs Council that the Good For You week was last week and went very well with Yoga and Tai Chi being tried by many, there was also a 1000 mile cycle challenge which went well. Adds that some events worked better than others for example the events with shorter participation times worked better than those where an hour or longer was needed. Finally states that the Student Conference was very good, the workshops covered the governance of SAUWS and UWS Equality, Diversity and Human Rights consultation. Initial feedback was that the event was really good. A report will be produced and sent to members once completed.

DPEW invites members to ask questions, there are none, report accepted.

Sports President outlines that the development of clubs is going well, no clubs have folded and membership is staying high. States that the Ceilidh fundraiser was well attended and raised a good amount of money for the Rugby and Hockey teams, feedback from those who attended said it was very good. Sports President reminds members that clubs and societies can be set up at any time of the year and to get in touch with him if anyone has any ideas for new clubs or societies.

Sports President invites questions from members. Jamie Kinloch asks what we are doing locally for the commonwealth games, Sports President suggests that discussions are ongoing with the member of staff appointed as the volunteer co-ordinator, Matthew Moir. Adds that academic staff are being approached for events and hospitality volunteering, there will be another push in February for engagement activities.

Jamie Kinloch suggests that NUS were really involved with the Olympics and that it is more than just participating in sports, it's also about the wider activities such as communications, hospitality,

runners, etc., however points out as a note of caution that no travel or accommodation expenses will be reimbursed. Sports President adds that the application process opens in January. Also informs members there is a meeting with Matthew Moir to get materials out for this and that they are expecting 15,000 apps from all sectors. Jamie Kinloch points out that the commonwealth organisers, in general, won't be engaging institutions so it is important that we communicate the opportunities this event can bring and that we do what we can to participate. President points out that the Chairman of these games is also the UWS Chancellor, Lord Smith of Kelvin so it would be great if students and staff volunteered.

President gave a verbal report, outlines that the SAUWS will be assisting the Uni in promoting internationalisation and Global Citizenship as we secured funding for volunteering opportunities in this area. Informs members he participated in a training course with GamCare which helps people with gambling addictions, comments that this was very useful and informative. States that the SAUWS will be holding its first Students Award Ceremony in March/April and this will include awards for Course Rep and Council rep of the year, STAR group of the year, and student volunteers, a full list of awards will be promoted in due course. States that the University had their Widening Access funding removed which will have a high impact in related areas and collage articulation. Comments that SAUWS was at the Demo a few weeks ago, in general the event was good and showed the student activists of tomorrow. Informs members that he and the Campus President Ayr, Ewan McCreath, sent an email to Scotrail management regarding the new timetable from Ayr/Largs/Ardrossan to Paisley and the impact on both staff and students this poorly constructed timetable will have. Outlines that the University is working with a consultancy organisation to assist with the appointment of the new principle who will take up post in April. Informs members that an academic plan for the next 5 years is being considered by the University and SAUWS, this will look not only at how we are taught but where and we are looking for innovative ways of teaching, we will consult Council members on this and other areas of review

President invites questions, there are none, report accepted.

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

**6** Business Introduced by Officer Bearers-

(a) Retaining Scotland's Potential campaign update

President outlines that SAUWS launched the Retaining Scotland's Potential campaign and raised awareness of support services available to students including funding concerns. Adds that with regards to the SAAS issues, some students still have not received their payments and may not until after the Christmas break. Informs members that to highlight this and in an attempt to avoid the same situation next year, we have a very large Christmas card for the Chief Executive of SAAS and over the last week we have been asking students to sign it and leave a message for them. It will be hand delivered by the President and the Welfare, Campaigns and Activities Co-ordinator, Simon Ward, on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

(b) ICT update

DPEW states that she met with the head of ICT with concerns raised at Council. Informs Council that last year ICT set up lunch for a chat about the issues but not many students attended, therefore we will invite ICT to Council in February to talk with members and to give members a chance to share their issues and thoughts on improving the facilities on campus and in halls. Adds that in one of the Halls, the routers haven't been set up properly and some rooms can't get on to Wi-Fi at all, ICT would particularly like to hear from students who are affected by this as ICT need

the argument in order to get the situation changed. States that a member of senior ICT staff will come along to Council at least once a year, but hopefully twice, to cover Trimesters 1 and 2.

*Harley Rigden left the room 4.55pm*

## 7. Motions-

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

DPEW informs members that this motion is known as a Resolution which 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.

DPEW asks if there are any questions. Jamie Kinloch states that he agrees with the points raised, but asks why a member of the Board is submitting motions asking the Board of Trustees to do something. Jack Douglas states that its purpose is more about raising awareness of these actions to Council members and getting SAUWS to condemn the actions, Maxwell Tcheunou adds that whatever the decision Council takes can affect all our students. Sports President suggests that by bringing it to Council, we can then get a steer from students about what action to take.

Members are invited to vote to agree, disagree or abstain.

*Agree: unanimous*

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

Speech for: 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.

DPEW invites questions from members. Maxwell Tcheunou asks why it's called a slave auction and how it works, Eliot Harrison informs members that people buy each other to perform services such as getting drinks, clearing tables etc and to 'auction' someone we say a little about them and people then buy them, for example, someone was a waiter for an hour to the person who bought them. Sports President adds there were clear guidelines for the clubs to follow to ensure non-discriminatory, non-demeaning actions or behaviour and anyone taking part had the right to decline at any point.

Speech against: Heather Armstrong, states that she is a member of Women's STAR group and the group would want like an all out ban on these types of auctions. States that these are demeaning to our BME students and women students, there are also safety concerns, how do you know those of have 'bought' someone have followed the rules. Adds that she was at the Ceilidh and witnessed people using derogatory language towards a female, we want the University to be a zero tolerance place however this cannot be achieved with this type of events going on. Informs Council that in Sweden the government was involved in getting these events stopped and in Michigan (USA) similar activities have been banned. States that there are plenty of other ways to raise money including bake sales which the LGBTQ group did with great success.

Extra round of speeches is requested

Speech for: Dougie Ritson, suggests it is voluntary to take part and that even if derogatory language is used, it's just a bit of banter among friends. Adds that if someone was bought they

had the right to not do whatever was asked of them, the guidelines were followed, there's nothing wrong with having a bit of fun.

Speech against: Maxwell Tcheunou when you say it's ok to have a slave auction how much did you pay for it and if they had refused to take part after being bought, what would have happened. We need to think of better ways to raise money, this is not an appropriate way.

DPEW invites questions, Heather Armstrong asks how we can be sure no-one will be discriminated against, Sports President comments that if the person feels at any point they are discriminated against, they can leave at any point with no repercussions, Heather Armstrong suggests that the auction activity can be done outwith the event times, Sports President states that this was not the case for this event, it was for one hour only which occurred at the event but after the auction took place.

Council move to vote

*For: 8*

*Against: 5*

*Abstain: 5*

*The motion passes*

Members ask for it to be noted that both BME members in the room voted against this motion please be aware of this when moving forward.

*Mark Dunlop left the room 5.20pm*

(c) Sports President title renamed to Activities President

DPEW informs members that as this is a constitutional change, it must be passed at each campus Council by two-thirds majority.

Speech for: 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

- Council move to Amendment 1

Speech for: 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 not taken

*For: 12*

*Against: 0*

*Abstain: 5*

*The amendment passes*

- Council move to Amendment 2

Speech for: 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: Cameron Stewart states that the wording of Activities over Sports and Societies is more preferable as there is still a possibility that societies are just an add on and doesn't show that they are equal to sports clubs.

There are no questions, Council move to vote

*For: 14*

*Against: 1*

*Abstain: 2*

*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: Jack Douglas doesn't understand the point of the amendment as it doesn't explain the position very well. Adds that Council Resolves 2 doesn't make sense as it says the 'role' and we are talking about the title.

There are no questions however Godfrey Mutazu states that in Council Resolves 1, OSCAR is spelt wrong, should be OSCR (Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator).

Council move to vote

*For: 6*

*Against: 7*

*Abstain: 4*

*The amendment falls*

Council move to speech against on main motion as amended

Speech against not taken.

Council move to vote

*For: Unanimous*

*Motion passes with amendments*

8. Elections-  
(a) None

9. AOCB-

Jack Douglas informs Council there is now an SRC hashtag for Twitter users- #srcsauws.