

MINUTES

STUDENTS' COUNCIL (SRC) PAISLEY

Thursday 21st November 2013, 1.15pm, P121

Video Conference with Paisley, Ayr and Hamilton

In the Chair, Iain Shepherd, Depute President Education and Welfare

1. Sederunt

Iain Shepherd	Depute President Education and Welfare (DPEW)
Blane Abercrombie	President
Ryan Wood	Sports and Societies President
Cameron Stewart	Ordinary Trustee Paisley/Disabled Students STAR Group Co-Convener
Heather Armstrong	Ordinary Trustee Paisley/Women's STAR Group Convener
Stephen Russell	Secretary LGBT+ STAR Group
Jack Douglas	Social Sciences/LGBT+ STAR Group
Maxwell Tcheunou	Business Technology
Sarah Anderson	Social Sciences
Drew McGowan	Social Science
Andrew Davenport	Social Science
Will Little	Biomedical Science
Surkhab Malik	Applied Bioscience
Tehmas Saeed	Civil Engineering
Dhuwaraha Rajathelakan	Chemical Engineering
Ademola Obafemi	Business Technology
Dean Metherell	Music Technology

In Attendance

Claire Lumsden	Student Rep Co-ordinator (SRCo-ord)
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Hamilton

Kate Sharkie	Campus President Hamilton (CPH)
Dot Watson	Ordinary Trustee Hamilton
Connor Smith	Ordinary Trustee Hamilton
Cameron Mathieson	Ordinary Trustee Hamilton
Kayley Richardson	Applied Bioscience with Forensic Investigation
Megan Mitchel	BA Journalism
Natalie Gordon	BA Law
Christopher Tracey	BA Law
Jade McCarroll	BA Social Science

Ayr

Cal Reid	Campus President Ayr
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In Attendance

Chris Forster SAUWS Environment Project – Student Engagement Assistance

2. Acceptance of Apologies Paisley

Stuart McCabe	Ordinary Trustee Paisley/Disabled Students STAR Group Co-Convener
Lauren Gilmore	Social Sciences/Women's STAR Group
Charleigh Burbank	Psychology/LGBTQ STAR Group Convener
Anne-Marie Bennett	Adult Nursing
Louise Lawler	Adult Nursing
Christine Tait	Mental Health Nursing
Emma Davidson	Midwifery
Helen Jones	Career Guidance and Development
Gary Kyle	Life and Environment
Amanda Gibson	Occupational Safety and Health
Rebecca Miller	Social Science
Morgan McQueen	Social Science
Will Scurrall	Computer Networking
Ali Tariq	Business Technology
Paul Farrell	Human Resource Management

A discussion took place between Hamilton, Ayr and Paisley regarding quoracy of the meeting, due to Hamilton and Ayr attendance being inquorate, they took the decision to retired from the meeting. DPEW sought the views of Paisley Student's Council to continue with Paisley Campus only, Paisley Students Council members agreed to continue as a campus specific meeting.

3. Acceptance of Minutes from the previous meeting

(a) Matters arising from those minutes-

- I. Cameron Stuart states that Stuart McCabe and himself are Co-Conveners of the Disabled Students STAR group and requests future Sederunt's not this
- II. Cameron Stuart states that under AOCB 2nd paragraph, in last sentence he did not mention NUS.

Minutes accepted.

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

President reads through report. States that he was at Graduations today and didn't think he would have made it along therefor his report is slightly longer than usual. States that work has been carried out by students around zero hour contracts and the living wage as have travel issues as referred to at last SRC, Council will be kept updated on developments. States that he has been spending time at other campuses and is writing a paper on the governance of the Students Association, adds that we need to increase engagement from the student body and the report derived will be voted on at SRC.

There are no questions. President's report is accepted.

DPEW reads through report. States that he has been working on similar issues to last SRC. Issues which have come up since are the immigration bill which may be detrimental to our international students, there is the possibility they may have to pay to use the NHS among other things, requests Council members sign the petition against this, more detailed information can be found

at www.sauws.org.uk/campaigns/internationalstudentsnhsfees. States that he has also been working with the University for our forthcoming Enhancement Led Institutional Review (E.L.I.R.), this is an external review which all Universities in Scotland go through on a 4 yearly basis which identifies areas of improvement for the Uni as well as what they are doing well. Adds that it is important that the Uni come out well to be valued and recognised. States that he has also been involved with the review of the UWS Assessment Policy/regulations and is looking to make positive changes. Comments that a more detailed breakdown of activities can be requested just email dpew@sauws.org.uk. DPEW invites Questions, Tehmas Saeed enquires how the Students Association works in terms of getting issues discussed, DPEW states that any student should take items they would like to discuss to Students' Council or if there are problematic issues come to see us directly. Jack Douglas adds that Rep Training is provided to all reps however improvements could be made for its application to Council.

There are no further questions, DPEW's report is accepted

Sports and Societies President reads through report. States that affiliation to 'Team UWS' has now closed and the Sports Executive has approved affiliations, adds that a couple of sports clubs are no longer running due to the new affiliation rules. States that those clubs which are running are doing well in the leagues. States that Societies are very active, the ISOC have raised over £1000 for charity this year so far. Sports President invites questions. Cameron Stuart asks what has been done to prevent the police coming in and getting the names of students who run the ISOC group as well as other Islamic groups, Sports President states the President has been dealing with this issue. President informs Council that this happened around a month ago at reception of Student Link, under data protection they couldn't give out this info. He held a meeting with the Head of Student Link and the Police Equality and Diversity officer, states that the information he was given was that the Police Officers who requested this have been disciplined, President adds that he was assured it would not happen again. Jack Douglas asks if this has this happened at other unions, President states yes, it has happened at Glasgow Caledonia University although not to the extent as at UWS. Adds that at the next Glasgow Students Forum (GSF), Strathclyde and SAUWS will write an open letter to the Police on behalf of GSF that this will not be tolerated. Maxwell Tcheunou, what was the reason for them asking for this information, President explains that the Police were given a briefing to be extra vigilant after the death of Soldier Lee Rigby, Maxwell Tcheunou further asks if there was there anything else happening at the time for the police to come in, President states no. Andrew McGowan asks if the incident has been dealt with through the formal police complaints procedure, President suggests the meeting with the Police Equality and Diversity Officer was an informal meeting but will look at this to make it more formal.

There are no further questions, Sports and Societies President's report accepted.

Jack Douglas enquires why we didn't raise money for the Poppy Scotland appeal since we have policy, DPEW states that some of the Board weren't aware of the policy therefore we apologise for this, adds that Policy in place will be integrated into handover activities.

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

6 Business Introduced by Officer Bearers- None

7. Motions-

Cameron Stuart requests a point of order. Asks if motions A and B can be merged as the resolves are essentially the same. DPEW states there is no Procedural Motion for this point however will hear the case for it provided Council agree to this, Council agree to hear the case.

Speech for merge is taken by Cameron Stuart. Reiterates that the motions are essentially the same and would not want to waste time hearing both if they can be put together.

There is no speech against.

Council vote on the merging of motions A and B

*For: 14
Against: 0
Abstain: 2
Motions are merged*

(a) Their jobs; Our education

(b) Defend the right of students officers to support strike action

Speech for is taken by President. States that there was a day of strike action earlier this year and another has been called for 3rd December with many different Unions being involved. In the last 5 years staff at Universities and Colleges have received a pay cut of approximately 15% due to the cost of living and tax increases, Senior Management pay is also very high and has an ultimate impact on the lower staffing level pay. Council Notes 9 of motion A states that the average salary of a Principal and Vice-Chancellor is almost £250,000 with the University of the West of Scotland's (UWS) being paid £217,000, compared to the lowest paid staff member at UWS, who is paid just above £13,000, this is a pay ratio of 16.5-1. The motion is asking for SAUWS to stand side by side with the staff to support the strike action.

Speech against is taken by Cameron Stuart. States that he opposes the motion as we shouldn't have a stance on this, adds that we had 2 days of strike action in the last 6/7 weeks, this has had an impact on our students education with lectures not running, classes are having to have an extra week of work to make up for the action. We should be neutral, instead of being a lobbying body for the staff Unions.

DPEW allows for a discussion. Andrew McGowan cites Council Believes 4 of both motions stating that at the end of the day, students will benefit from better remunerated staff. Cameron Stuart reiterates that the position is there have been 2 strikes in 7 weeks and this is too much. Maxwell Tcheunou states that there is too big a gap between our lecturers pay and the principle and Vice-Chancellors pay. Jack Douglas adds that there is an ethical principle with regards to the living wage and this is a good thing. Heather Armstrong suggests there is a longer term impact on low wage. Andrew McGowan suggests that as a member of Unison he would be uncomfortable crossing the picket line.

DPEW requests Council move to vote.

*For: 11
Against: 2
Abstain: 3
Motions A and B pass*

President left the room 13.55

(c) No More Page 3 at SAUWS

Heather Armstrong as the proposer of the motion requests the motion is left on the table via procedural motion 1 (b). States that it doesn't directly affect Paisley Campus as we don't sell papers here and would be best placed to be heard at Hamilton and Ayr Council meetings, Sports President Seconds this.

Maxwell Tcheunou asks what the value of the motion is, Heather Armstrong suggest if it is moved to next Council meetings she can fully explain why the motions is important, adds however that the page 3 images in The Sun newspaper are for nothing more than sexual gratification

Council move to vote on procedural motion 1 (b) for this motion

For: 14

Against: 0

Abstain: 1

The motion passes

Tehmas Saeed left the room 14.05

(d) 21st Century Quorums

Speech For is taken by Jack Douglas. States that at the start of this meeting we discussed issues with quoracy of Council. Currently quorum is unfair as last year Ayr Campus only held 2 Council meetings. Council is a place where students can create policy of the Students' Association however we can't actually do this as quorum is too high, if we want SAUWS to be a cross campus representative Students' Association all unions need to meet quorum. The campaigns passed at Council have included supporting Equal Marriage and Unlock Scotland's Potential which we won an NUS Scotland award for last year.

There is no speech against, however DPEW allows for a discussion.

Cameron Stuart asks if there have been discussions on other alternative for quorum. Sports President agrees with the point of the motion stating that the meetings of the Sports Executive have high attendance. The issue is that the student voice needs to be heard and this motion will support that. Will Little states that passing the motion might not help that much as Ayr didn't meet quorum today anyway but Council also needs greater promotion. Heather Armstrong states that we need to look at the makeup/diversity of Council as there are only 3 women present today.

DPEW requests Council move to vote

For: unanimous

The motion passes

Jack Douglas asks if the motion can be taken to the Board of Trustees now that it has passed at Council, DPEW suggests it can however they have no power to implement it as it still needs to pass at Ayr and Hamilton due to its constitutional implications.

(e) Emergency Motion – Bookshop? What Bookshop?

Speech for is taken by Jack Douglas. States that he was shocked to hear that the bookshop in Paisley Campus is being closedown and this affects Paisley students as it is the only shop on campus but affects the other campuses as well as students there can order books from the shop.

States that part of the Student Learning Experience is access to resources and the bookshop advertises it's cheaper than Amazon. Adds that the shop is making a profit but not enough to keep it running. States that to get the bookshop to stay is unlikely therefore the motion is asking for something similar to replace it with in order that students can still have access to this service.

Jack Douglas requests procedural motion 1 (e), parts to remove Council Believes 3 as it is inaccurate. This is seconded by Heather Armstrong.

DPEW request Council move to vote on procedural motion 1 (e) to remove parts.

For: unanimous

Speech against is taken by Sports President. States that he doesn't think the book shop is cheaper than Amazon, that's why the bookshop in Hamilton closed. Students spend so much time online that he doesn't believe it would affect them too much, also questions the evidence of the detrimental effect this will have on the Student Experience and other claims in the 'notes' and 'believes' sections of the motion, adds that he doesn't think this should be a priority concern.

No further rounds of speeches are requested however DPEW allows for a discussion.

Sarah Anderson states that she disagrees with the Sports President in terms of online shopping as not everyone does. Jack Douglas suggests we have heard that it can affect some student groups.

Ademola Obafemi left the room 14.20

DPEW passes Chair to Cameron Stuart for the remainder of the meeting.

DPEW states that the resolutions of this motion is liberating in what officers can do, looking at what the space can be used for whether the same or something different, he would like to see the shop being similar however. Adds that this motion gives an added weight of what is already happening. Informs Council that he has a meeting with Marcus Ross in relation to this issue.

DPEW left the room 14.25

Sarah Anderson suggests that buying books online doesn't always work out for the better neither does the library book resources as it is not always accessible. Maxwell Tcheunou, asks what it mean if they aren't making enough profit, Jack Douglas suggests this is capitalism at its best. Will Little states it is sad that we are losing the bookshop however it is a good opportunity for SAUWS students to run it, if it is making a profit SAUWS should consider taking it on. Sports President informs members that SAUWS ran the shop before John Smith's had it and it didn't work, adds that £20,000 was given to us by the Uni as a result of the bookshop takeover. Heather Armstrong suggests the motion doesn't mandate for SAUWS to run the shop, it's simply looking for alternatives.

Council move to vote

For: 9

Against: 2

Abstain: 1

The motion passes

8. Elections-

(a) Elections Committee (1x Ordinary Member)

Ordinary Member – Proposed Andrew davenport, seconded by Will Little.

9. AOCB-

Andrew McGowan thanks SRCo-ord for contribution and organisation of Council, members support this.

Heather Armstrong informs Council that Tuesday 26th November is 'Reclaim the Night' which has been organised by Rape Crisis Scotland, encourages members to come along and support the march.

Cameron Stuart requests members to 'like' the 'Citizenship at SAUWS' page on Facebook. The Citizenship Co-ordinator is Gill MacKenzie and can be contacted on citizenship@sauws.org.uk.

Andrew Davenport enquires about the possibility of getting the Union open through the night of the Scottish independence referendum, suggests it could possibly be integrate into the fresher's programmes, Sports President suggests this can be proposed to the Commercial Services Manager, however reminds members that only affiliated sports clubs and societies can book rooms. Andrew suggests this is not a request as part of any political organisation, however as a passionate student with an interest in the referendum. Jack Douglas asks if the Union/Uni can be used as a voting station, Cameron Stuart suggests he will look into this. Will Little suggests that the booking of rooms needs to be looked at, as individual students and members of the public can hire level 3 at the weekend with no charge however we are expecting non-affiliated societies to pay to book a room, this is unfair.

Jack Douglas informs members that the Equal Marriage Bill has passed the first stage at the Scottish Parliament, thanks current and previous Council members for their support in passing the motion to support Equal Marriage a couple of years ago.

Start: 13.25

Finish: 14.45