

STUDENTS' COUNCIL (SRC) PAISLEY

Tuesday 14th February, 4.30pm, Level 1 Union

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

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Cara Lee	Depute President Education and Welfare
Garry Quigley	President
Stuart McCabe	Ordinary Trustee Paisley
Mark Dunlop	BSc Business Technology
Ahmed Sultan	Football Team
Andrew Bladworth	CIW Web Design
Ally Williams	Judo Team
Anthony Stevens	Judo Team
Godfrey Mutazu	Civil Engineering

2. Acceptance of Apologies

Caroline Sharp	General Manager
Alastair Adamson	Sports President
Scott Winchester	Ordinary Trustee Paisley
Ross McNaughton	BA Computing
Agnes Munyoro	BSc (Hons) Chemistry
Daniel Jenks	BSc Mental Health Nursing
Ewelina Worobiej	Pg Drug and Alcohol Studies
Gemma Gordon	Tourism
Laura Von Dran	Mechanical Engineering

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

DPEW outlines the report of business, states that refreshers has gone well, campaigns are carrying on well with a focus on Healthy Body Healthy Mind during refreshers. The learning centre has seen extended opening hours for January's exam diet, it is hoped this will be the case for the May exams as well.

Informs Council of an ICT lunch meeting on 8th March to discuss ICT issues which have been raised regularly at Council, the meeting will include a free lunch, DPEW encourages all students who have good or bad things to say about ICT to attend, email Cara Lee on dpew@sauws.org.uk for more details.

DPEW also informs Council that the Superbowl weekend went very well. Andrew Bladworth asks if Sports Clubs and Societies benefitted from the Superbowl being shown, DPEW states yes, they received the entry fee as it was a fundraising event.

President outlined that he has lobbied the University for more support for students who travel from far or live in halls, suggests that they have agreed with this. There is now a petition ongoing regarding the price of halls and a possible discount for students. Any members living in halls or not should fill out the petition, for more information please email the President on president@sauws.org.uk.

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

6 Business Introduced by Officer Bearers-

(a) Car Parking Ballot

DPEW outlines that the University are moving to one general policy consisting of a ballot with criteria for allocation, states that blue badge holders will be guaranteed a parking spot, the other criteria will be considered as a points based system, those with more points would be more likely to get a parking spot. DPEW asks Council if they think this is fair. Council members suggest yes, DPEW asks if there is anything else that should be included, Andrew Bladworth asks about the Car Share criteria, members are informed that all that is required is to sign up to the car share website and will get specified spaces, further states that they don't need to car share every day just need to show you would want to do it. Mark Dunlop states that as long as the new policy is fairer there are no major issues, DPEW suggests that spaces will be split 50/50 with the same criteria, Mark Dunlop further enquires if staff are happy with it, DPEW suggests not really.

(b) NUS Scotland Motion

President outlines the motion put forward to NUS Scotland Conference. States that it was formed through discussions with council throughout the year and explains that UWS is a widening access University but has poor retention rates, states that to gauge Scottish retention rates in general Freedom of Information requests were made to all Universities to ask for retention figures for first 8 weeks of term, they are currently requesting clarity of a few points, any information will be shared at future Council meetings. President has met with MSP's and wider government to discuss particular issue however feels there is now a need for national support. Outlines that the research project we asked for will not be commissioned therefore we believe NUS must assist with this. President states that he hopes the motion will be passed at conference. There were no questions however Council agree this is a good area to focus on.

(c) SAUWS Strategic Plan

President states that the Strategic Plan was sent with the Agenda email. Comments that all organisations have some kind of vision and strategy for moving forward and that SAUWS has never had one before. Further comments that this is a long term vision, but it needs students to be engaged with sports and societies, representation and campaigning. States that there have been rumours that it is trying to change the union, this is not the case, it is trying to improve and develop the Association. President outlines that the Board of Trustees make decisions on budgets and in theory the Association is insolvent, however we are in debt to University and any money we generate through commercial services goes towards paying off that debt. Further explains that the Association has gained much respect from the University, President has met with the Principle to discuss our debt and agreed to negotiation repayment of debt, which included devising a business plan to keep a percentage of money raised, with the rest being paid back to the

University to clear the debt. President further states that currently only a small amount of students are using the union and this needs to improve, the plan will hopefully do this. Ahmed Sultan comments that the Football team cannot get an 11player pitch due to tight budgets, although does recognise there are some barriers beyond union control, President comments that a key issues is not to be defeatist or let lack of money get in the way, suggests that it is great that students are fundraising themselves. Please email Garry Quigley at president@sauws.org.uk with any comments/questions.

(d) Post-16 Response

President outlines that this document was attached to the Agenda email sent to Council members and states that it is for information only, however if Council members have any questions or comments to get in touch him on president@sauws.org.uk.

(e) Student Led Learning and Teaching Awards

DPEW outlines that the Student Led Learning and Teaching Awards are now open for nominations. States that this is the 3rd year of it running and invites Council members to participate by voting for their favourite member of teaching staff. Awards titles are – Best Personal Tutor, Fantastic Feedback Award, Promoting Employability and Personal Development, Best Supervisor, Be Inspired Award, Promoting Inclusive Learning, and the 21st Century Teaching Award. Also encourages Council Members to ask their classmates and university friends to vote as well. Reminds Council that there will be an awards ceremony held towards the end of March, with free food and free bubbly included. Stuart McCabe comments that he has attended in the past and it has been a very good night.

7. Motions- None

8. Elections-

(a) Elections Committee

Proposed – Andrew Bladworth (seconded by Garry Quigley)
Andrew Bladworth is duly elected

9. AOCB-

DPEW outlines that the University is looking at block timetabling suggests there are many different ways to do it but it needs to be streamlined. Asks Council member what they would prefer. Mark Dunlop comments that he likes it the way it is as its better if some students are in as little as possible due to work commitments and the cost of travel. Ahmed Sultan asks if classes can be split over couple days, DPEW states that it is possible but it could be over one day e.g. morning and afternoon. Stuart McCabe suggests that Sports Clubs and Societies could use the extra time to promote groups if they are in more days, also some could be blocked delivery and some flexible delivery. President suggests removing block timetabling would be a good idea in terms of retention. Also notes that another option could be that 1st years are in more often and in subsequent years less so, however adds that this may not be helpful to those who work as we are a widening access University. Suggests that there is a need to look at facts and figures more closely, any developments in this area will be shared with Council. DPEW reassures Council that any change will not be seen next year, possibly for session 2013/14 however. Ally Williams comments that he is not a fan of block booking as after 3hours it can be difficult to concentrate, DPEW suggests that this situation is unlikely as it's too long, it will likely be a split of lectures, tutorials, workshops etc. DPEW comments that the University and teaching staff will need to be more flexible with teaching techniques and use a wider range of resources, also notes that

scheduling will be different between and within Schools/Programmes. Andrew Bladworth agrees stating that lecturers already need to be more pro-active, also suggests that some kind of questionnaire and explanation of what this means should be developed, DPEW suggests this can be done, possibly as a GOATing exercise.

Stuart McCabe reminds Council that Elections open Wednesday (15th Feb) for NUS Scotland conference, password and banner id in student email. Also states that nominations for National Conference and Trustee Elections will be opening next week, directs members to the SAUWS website.

Start: 4.35pm
Finish: 5.50pm