

## STUDENTS' COUNCIL (SRC) PAISLEY

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March, 4.30pm, Level 2 Union building

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

### MINUTES

#### 1. Sederunt

Cara Lee	Depute President Education and Welfare
Alastair Adamson	Sports President
Stuart McCabe	Ordinary Trustee Paisley
Scott Winchester	Ordinary Trustee Paisley
Jack Douglas	BA Social Science/LGBT STAR group convener
Lee Burrell	BA Psychology
Christopher Quinn	BA Social Science
Sinead Browne	BA Social Science
Jamie Kinlochan	BA Social Science
Ross Devine	Pyros American Football team

#### In attendance

Claire Lumsden	Student Representation Co-ordinator
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#### 2. Acceptance of Apologies

Caroline Sharp	General Manager
Garry Quigley	President
Deborah Smith	BSc Midwifery
Ross McNaughton	BA Computing
Anthony Stevens	Judo Team

#### 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 reads through report of business, states that the Union continues to run the quiz and karaoke nights and the St Patrick's night went very well. Adds that the Netball team held a fundraiser which was very successful. States that there will be a launch of a new night on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March with drinks promotions. Informs Council that the Bar and Java Café are now serving hotdogs and soon burgers. Reminds Council of the Learning and Teaching Awards being held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at Paisley Union, explains that the awards recognise excellence and innovation in Learning and Teaching with lecturers being nominated by students.

DPEW informs Council of the ICT meeting held in early March, suggests this was not well attended, however there was good input from those who did attend. We are considering holding a similar event at Hamilton Campus.

Report is unanimously accepted.

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

**6 Business Introduced by Officer Bearers-**

**(a) Student Elections**

DPEW outlines that this week Elections are open, explains that an email has been sent to all students email accounts, this is where student get their unique username and password to access the election page of the SAUWS website. Elections will close on Friday at 11am and an announcement of those elected will be available later in the afternoon. Informs Council that SAUWS use transferable voting system which is used to allow for preference, i.e. give someone number 1 and someone else number 2 etc. Encourages Council members to vote and to get their colleagues to vote, adds that we are aware that some students have never accessed their student account, please encourage them to do so, it is how the university and the students association get vital information to students.

**(b) Student Association events/conference**

SR Co-ord outlines that the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Student Conference 'Student Learning in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century' is being held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March from 11am to 4.30pm at the Paisley campus, adds that there are still spaces left and to email [studentconference@sauws.org.uk](mailto:studentconference@sauws.org.uk) for a registration form. Details that travel expenses will be paid with receipt, there is authorised absence from class, a free lunch and a free hoodie for all those in attendance. Informs council the focus for this year is the curriculum as part of the new Enhancement Theme. Outlines that we will be asking student what they think the curriculum is and what should be included e.g. involvement in sports teams or societies and should this be credited, we will also be asking students what they think inclusivity and internationalisation are and how this should relate to the curriculum. This year we will also be holding a plenary session on what the quality framework is and how students can influence what and how they are taught. Adds that this conference will directly influence the university's policies and encourages students to come along, it is open to all UWS student.

Sports President outlines that this years Sports Ball will be held on the 27<sup>th</sup> April at Paisley Campus Union, tickets will be on sale next week. Adds that it is open to all sports clubs and societies and anyone else who wants to come along. Tickets will likely cost £16, this includes a 3 course meal and drinks reception, a goody bag and a live band. The Sports Ball will also host the Sports and Societies Awards, email will be sent out next week on how to nominate. Informs Council that after the event there will be a Casino night on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, sports ball attendees will be given some free chips to play. Adds that all chips have the same value but there will be prizes with a leader board and all money raised goes to Scottish disability sports hosted by Events students who are sports members. Players can also win prizes throughout the night.

**(c) Constitutional change**

Sports President states this is a discussion point and informs Council that consideration is being given to changing the setup of the Sports Union Executive. States that the Sports Executive meet each year,

however the current constitution has a different breakdown of roles and would like to change these to fit how the Sports Union actually runs. Explains that he would like to see a New Vice President for each campus who will assist clubs and societies on the Sports Presidents behalf and have 2-3 people from these groups to sit as reps on the executive. Adds that each month the executive will focus on something else, whether this is recruitment, development, finance etc. Sports President invites council to comment. Jamie Kinloch asks if the current structure is stifling development, Sports President suggests yes as it is too specific and restrictive, explains that the new executive will be more like a forum and have a permanent contact on campus to spread identity. Jamie Kinloch clarifies with the Sports President that he would oversee all activities but then someone visible on each campus no matter what sport they are part of, Sports President agrees.

There are no other questions or comments, Sports president informs council the next stage will be a consultation on roles with sports teams and societies.

## **7. Motions-**

### **(a) Library Fines Amnesty (attached)**

Speech for is taken by Jamie Kinloch, suggests the motion is self-explanatory and is based on discussions with people in his class and those about to graduate, argues that some students can't graduate due to debt for books totalling a potential £150. Some people might not progress due to not feeling able to go into library and will disengage, however suggests that this is not about allowing people to just not pay debt but about allowing those who have particular financial or other difficulties to overcome them. Adds that the amnesty would need to be time restricted with regards to its promotion. States that library fines are not a 'profit and loss' situation, fines in place to prevent people keeping books too long, but this is for those who can't pay for that specific period of time.

There are some clarifications from the floor with regards to promotion and timescales, it is suggested this may not necessarily be a regular occurrence but a one off event.

Speech against is not taken

Council move to vote

*For: unanimous  
The motion passes*

### **(b) Emergency motion – Burlesque motion**

Speech for is taken by Sports President, outlines that the motion is asking for Burlesque acts to be able to perform in the Paisley Union, comments that there were Burlesque acts performing in the union a few months ago however the video of the event on the SAUWS website had shown it in a bad light and there were complaints and concerns about it, adds that the last event included male and female acts and there were many positive comments about it. This motion has been brought forward to Council in order that if the event can go ahead and there are complaints, it can be said that approval had been sought and agreed by Council to allow another night.

Speech against is taken by Jamie Kinloch, reminds council that the Union operates a safe space policy so people can come in and enjoy themselves and not put them in an uncomfortable situations, this may be contradictory to the safe space policy.

Second Speech for is taken by Sports President, argues that the safe space policy applies to all students therefore any student who would feel uncomfortable can choose not to attend, this is the case for all our events.

Second speech against not taken

Council move to vote

*For: 7  
Against: 0  
Abstentions: 1  
The motion passes*

**8. Elections-**

**(a) None**

**9. AOCB-**

Sports President asks Council to suggest any ways of productive engagement methods with students, suggests that the Students Association are trying to find out what students want from the union, e.g. should we just speak to them using GOATing techniques, produce an annual review publication etc. Lee Burrell suggests the easiest way is perhaps to use SurveyMonkey, Sports President enquires if students would appreciate this, Lee Burrell suggests yes and adds that engagement is low and anything would be good to raise awareness between the Union and the University. Jack Douglas suggests that SurveyMonkey is easy to ignore and thinks GOATing works better. Sports President asks if an incentive would work, most Council members suggest yes. Jamie Kinloch suggests he likes it when public buildings are open for people to come in and look around and thinks this would be good here, adds that if students are taking part in a survey we can offer them something that we already do, giving people a reason to come in e.g. vouchers for Java, free entry to the next charged event. Stuart McCabe comments that he works as a student guide and they are currently promoting the National Student Survey (NSS), comments that no incentive is given here, suggests that student don't even want to get involved with that which is extremely important and is nationally carried out and recognised, adds that GOATing would maybe work better. DPEW informs Council the University can give out incentive for the NSS but in the past have felt that this hasn't worked. Lee Burrell suggests that students are disengaged with the facilities and the NSS impacts the department level rather than University level and perhaps this is not clear. Jack Douglas suggests there are issues with the publicity of incentives and is not sure how well it would work. Jamie Kinloch suggests the Students Association should put out everything that it does, hold open door days allowing for tours of the Union buildings, information of who does what and where, asks if the union is shown during open days, DPEW suggests sometimes. DPEW adds that perhaps we could go and talk to the Student Guides about what we do during their training and at open day session for potential students. Jamie Kinloch comments that it is important that students tell us what questions to ask rather than us dictating the questions, DPEW responds that we could do a comments box like at Hamilton and Ayr, hopefully they will give us an idea of what students want. Sports President feels that any kind of visual aid can work well also.

Jack Douglas states that engagement in STAR groups is low and asks how this can be improved. Lee Burrell states that a STAR group stall at Quirties to raise awareness could work and it will show there is more to the University experience. Jamie Kinlochan suggests that he would be happy for meetings to be organised and advertised, if students come great, if not at least we tried, adds that if a Sabb or staff member wants to do this just to get them started, that's fine. Council members agree with this point.

*Start: 4.35pm*

*Finish: 5.40pm*