

STUDENTS' COUNCIL (SRC) Hamilton

Tuesday 18th October, 12.30pm, Committee room 1

In the Chair, Sam Phillips, Campus President Hamilton

AGENDA

1. Sederunt

Sam Phillips	Campus President Hamilton
Garry Quigley	President (via speaker phone)
Cara Lee	Depute President Education and Welfare
Alastair Adamson	Sports President
Paul Friel	Ordinary Trustee Hamilton
Kayleigh Rennie	BSc Applied Bioscience
Fiona Logan	BSc Applied Bioscience
Stephen McCormack	BSc Applied Bioscience
William McAllister	BSc Applied Bioscience
Kirsty McKeown	BA Journalism
Fiona Sykes	BA Journalism
Louse Reilly	BA Journalism
Sam Nicholson	BA Journalism
Hafsah Zulfiqar	Sports and Exercise Science
David O'Donnell	Computer Games Technology
Fraser McChlery	Motorsports Design Engineering
Thomas McLaren	Computer Networking

In attendance

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

Caroline Sharp	General Manager
Joseph McKelvie	BSc Information Technology
Julie MacFarlane	MSc Biotechnology

3. Acceptance of Minutes from the previous meeting

(a) Matters arising from those minutes- None
Minutes accepted as accurate.

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

CPH talks through the report of business, states that freshers was great this year, the union have put on different events for charities, one in particular is for Teenage Cancer Trust in memory of Ryan Murphy, a student who passed away during the summer. On 8th November there will be a band night which aims to raise over £2000 for Ryan's charity, raffle tickets will also be on sale. Other great events have been the Wedding Crashers party and the Beach party.

CPH outlines there have been a few upgrades in the union, the interior has been painted, sky TV has been installed and there is now CCTV for safety purposes, there is also more seating and a new addition of chips available in the coffee shop.

President states that in support of Teenage Cancer Trust and the work being done by Hamilton campus students, he would like all campus Unions to get involved. Council agree this would be very welcome.

CPH asks if there are any questions. There are none

Report is unanimously accepted

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

6 Business Introduced by Officer Bearers-
(a) Campaigns 2011-12

Feedback – CPH outlines that this is the first year UWS have been included in the National Student Survey (NSS) and feedback is one area where students are least satisfied, includes however that all universities have issues with feedback. Last year we had stickers to encourage feedback with exams, informs members that feedback should be given within 4 weeks of submission and should be more than just a grade. Any council members wishing to get involved here should get in touch with Cara Lee on dpew@sauws.org.uk.

RUK fees – CPH outlines the Rest of the UK fees (RUK fees) in that students from England, Wales and Northern Ireland will be paying fees from next year, states that we are one of the most expensive charging £7,250 per year. President states that most other Scottish Universities have outlined a 4year course for price of 3years, we are not doing this. Further informs council he has been working on this campaign over the summer and that there has been a few wins but also losses. Suggests the focus is now gaining bursaries for our RUK students and will report at next meeting of council what action will be taken. Suggests there are real concerns with the new system as we only have approximately 105 RUK students. States that we need to look after the most vulnerable and continue to be a widening access university. Outlines that UWS will be charging £7,250 fees per year, Council members feel this is too high, President agrees and states this is why we must focus on gaining fair bursaries. CPH states anyone wishing to get involved here should get in touch with Garry Quigley on president@sauws.org.uk.

Alastair Adamson entered the room 12.45pm.

Healthy Body Healthy Mind – CPH states that the Sports President will be taking the lead on this campaign and will be working with the university to promote positive health. Events and activities will be ongoing, some include massage and relaxation techniques for stress, awareness raising of the benefits of playing sports and other recreational activities. Outlines there are plenty of sports teams at each campus, in Hamilton there is Ladies and gents football, ladies netball and Cricket and societies there is the NUWS (student newspaper), 'Oot and about' and Motorsports. Sports President suggests that the main aim is to raise awareness of physical activity, wherever it can exist. Outlines that the 'See Me' mental health campaign materials have arrived and Council members are invited to participate and volunteer for promotions etc. To get involved here please email Alastair Adamson on sp@sauws.org.uk.

Affordable Accommodation – CPH outlines that this was voted for by last years students. Informs Council that Daniel Copithorn, the Ayr Campus President is taking the lead here. Inform Council that UWS accommodation fees are too high as Ayr Halls of Residence students are being charged approximately £105 and in London is £108. The Students Association feels this is too high therefore are also looking at other areas of halls resources such as access to Wi-Fi. Please contact Daniel Copithorn on cpa@sauws.org.uk to get involved.

(b) Smoking Ban

CPH outlines the UWS smoking policy bans smoking on all campuses. Fraser McChlery this is not legal and is discriminatory. Kirsty McKeown suggests that at the back of campus people still have to walk through smoke as smokers congregate at entrance of campus. Louise Reilly suggests that the all out ban has had an adverse affect as now there is no choice but to walk past smokers at entrances and William McAllister, a non-smoker, suggests there should be somewhere for smokers to stand on campus to prevent congregation of smokers at entrances of campus, other council members agree. Council members suggest that Security is not happy at the mess being left and that all that has happened is that smokers have been moved. CPH asks council if they think smoking should be allowed at the Union, Council agree that this would not be a problem as it is away from the main building.

President suggests the university are close to dictating on the smoking ban rather than consulting, adds that he feels the Students Association have not been listened to and that students need to mobilise to stand against policies that they disagreed with.

Thomas McLaren states that Motherwell collage had specific smoking areas and that it seemed to work, Paul Frail agrees. William McAllister suggests that on campus there should be areas for smoking as long as this is adhered to, adds that going through main entrances is not pleasant. Council members further note that there have been incidences of people in Hamilton being assaulted near campus and that the university have a duty of care to its students as well as upholding health and safety.

Discussion also includes the effects of poor weather whether asking what would happen if people get snowed in again? Further suggest that specific smoking areas would benefit lecturers also with regards to time restraints. SP suggests staff are not following the current policy either and have suggested they are unhappy.

CPH informs Council of intention to submit a paper to the Student Experience Group (SEG) to outline the discontentment felt at the policy, further outlines that Council request the Union area is fine for smoking, this is agreed by Council. The next meeting of the SEG is scheduled for 18th November with the Students Association well represented. CPH will email the paper to Council members for approval.

CPH asks if there are any further comments or questions, there are none.

7. Motions- None

8. Elections-

(a) Disciplinary Committee

SR Co-ord outlines that the disciplinary committee is responsible for upholding the Code of Discipline as set out in Appendix 5 of the SAUWS constitution and that fair and equal treatment is expected, adds that full support will be given to aid the running of the committee.

Chair – Proposed Stephen McCormack (seconded by Kirsty McKeown)

Proposed William McAllister (seconded by Paul Frail)

It is requested that the position be co-opted, Council agree. Stephen McCormack and William McAllister are duly elected as Co-Chairs

Depute Chair – Proposed Kirsty McKeown (seconded by Fraser McChlery)

Kirsty McKeown is duly elected

Ordinary Members –

Proposed – Thomas McLaren (seconded by Paul friel)

Proposed – Fraser McChlery (seconded by Stephen McCormack)

Proposed – David O’Donnell (seconded by Sam Phillips)

Proposed – Louse Reilly (seconded by Kirsty McKeown)

Proposed – Fiona Sykes (seconded by Louse Reilly)

The above proposed are duly elected.

(b) Elections Committee

SR Co-ord outlines that the Elections Committee oversee the running of any elections and by-elections as set out in by-laws 8 and 9 of the SAUWS constitution

Proposed – Thomas McLaren (seconded by David O’Donnell)

Proposed – William McAllister (seconded by Kirsty McKeown)

Thomas McLaren and William McAllister are duly elected.

9. AOCB-

Kirsty McKeown raises an issue with potential conflict of interest as the President is seen as support the SNP MSP Derek McKay in an article, in the capacity of President of SAUWS, member also asks if this is against the constitution. President agrees with students point

and thanks them for bringing it to Councils attention, states the article will be taken down as soon as possible.

Louse Reilly Informs council that the cash machine is often out of order and runs out of money, is there anything CPH can do to stop this. CPH is aware of the problem and will take steps to prevent it as much as possible.

Council members raise issues around car parking. CPH states there are 45 student parking spaces for Almada building and 122 for Caird building, William McAllister States he has seen space available when it's raining and hasn't been allowed in, DPEW recognises issue. CPH suggests that ballots have been issued however some students are then on placement, the general agreement is a first come first serve basis for spaces, however that consideration is needed during busy and quiet times, SP suggests there should be some leeway if there are spaces available after early morning. CPH suggests parking is being monitored to establish quiet and peak times and the amount of spaces being used. William McAllister suggests some students have been parking in residences or in nearby supermarkets. DPEW suggests that the university are working from an interim policy until the new policy is finalised, further states that it is likely staff and students will be paying on a first come first serve basis. CPH suggests Council will be updated as much as possible.

Start: 12.35pm
Finish: 1.30pm