

STUDENTS' COUNCIL (SRC) Paisley

Thursday 20th October, 4.30pm, Union Level 1

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

AGENDA

1. Sederunt

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| Cara Lee | Depute President Education and Welfare |
| Garry Quigley | President |
| Alastair Adamson | Sports President |
| Stuart McCabe | Ordinary Trustee Paisley |
| Scott Winchester | Ordinary Trustee Paisley |
| Agnes Munyoro | BSc (Hons) Chemistry |
| Lee Burrell | BA Psychology |
| Godfrey Mutazn | BEng Civil Engineering |
| Alan Calder | BA Business Studies |

In attendance

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| Claire Lumsden | Student Representation Coordinator |
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2. Acceptance of Apologies

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| Caroline Sharp | General Manager |
| Ian Stevenson | BSc Computing |
| Jackie Holroyd | BSc Midwifery |
| Mark Dunlop | BSc Business Technology |
| Billy Peacock | BSc Web Development |
| Michael Proctor | BSc Computer Networking |

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

DPEW talks through report of business, states that freshers here was not as good as last year, numbers are down approximately 40%. Issues which may have contributed to this are the air conditioning broke leaving level 3 of the Union very uncomfortable to be in, the bus was not on from Thornly Park halls of residence, points out however that both issues are fixed now. Sports and societies sign ups this year was very good with more than 1000 signed up (double from last year), there are now approximately 50 sports teams and societies.

Committees attended – DPEW outlines the Learning Teaching and Assessment Board (LTAB) to members. Explains that policy has passed for mitigation – less detail is needed with doctor’s notes or other evidence, the new policy also outlines that students cannot appeal the mitigation decision and cannot use the academic appeals process if the mitigation deadline is missed. States that the Students Association felt this was not fair, however UWS will be setting up a sub-group to check consistency from School to School. DPEW also notes the Business School accounting programmes have now gone from 2hour exams to 3hour exams.

Senate – DPEW outlines that Blackboard is being changed to Moodle later this year, students will be given full support throughout this changeover, notes that Blackboard and Moodle will run together for a while to assist the swap over.

DPEW informs council members that the Entertainments manager left over the summer and we now have a new commercial manager Ryan Lydon who can be contacted on commercialmanager@sauws.org.uk.

DPEW asks if there are any questions or comments.

President outlines that with regards to the Blackboard – Moodle swap, there are a few concerns with staff training for this as it is not compulsory, also notes that support for students will be given, states that the Students Association will keep a close eye on the swap over and the timings of this. Also suggests that other universities have had positive comments regarding Moodle.

There are no further questions or comments, report is unanimously accepted.

5. Acceptance of the reports and minutes of committees

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

DPEW outlines this year’s campaigns:

Feedback – Explains the UWS assessment handbook has policy for feedback stating that feedback should be given within 4 weeks of submission and should be more than just a grade, outlines the possibility of extra classes for those who fail and reiterates that feedback stickers will be on exam desks this year. Also encourages members to ask for feedback and to inform council of any positive or negative experiences with feedback. Any members wishing to get involved here should contact Cara Lee on dpew@sauws.org.uk.

RUK Fees – President 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. Also 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, Edinburgh however have approximately 6000. States that we need to look after the most vulnerable and continue to

be a widening access university. Locally we have campaigned with emails, gate crashed meetings and sent emails/letters to management. To get involved please email Garry Quigley on president@sauws.org.uk.

Healthy body – SP outlines that this campaign aims to increase participation with physical activity for staff and students, it includes sports, societies, awareness raising, mental health/wellbeing e.g. during exams, non-smoking clinics and also links with the transition UWS activities. States that there will be activities during the day and evening and will continue throughout the year. Email Alastair Adamson on sp@sauws.org.uk to get involved here.

Afford Accommodation – DPEW outlines this was voted for by last year’s students, states that the price of accommodation is very high, in Ayr halls of residence the cost is £105 per month and will likely cost this at Paisley. States that the Students Association is aware there are some issues with Wi-Fi at Underwood and Thornly park halls, inform council there is a petition for this currently circulating at halls and encourages members to sign it. States the campaign is not just about the price of rent but other areas which can protect students. Please email Daniel Copithorn on cpa@sauws.org.uk to get involved.

DPEW asks if there are any questions or comments, Lee Burrell states that he did not receive exam feedback with stickers, DPEW suggests it is policy and encourages members to ask for feedback, also states that this year the stickers will already be on the desk and that the initiative is fully backed by management of the university.

Council members state they are happy with campaigns.

(b) Smoking Ban

DPEW outlines that UWS has implemented a no smoking policy across its campuses, however in Paisley students can still smoke near the Union. Further states that there are certain times when smoking is permitted at the other campuses, this is from approximately from 8pm. Reports that student feedback has suggested the policy only moves smokers and doesn’t solve the issues as people smoke at the gates, suggests it would be better to have shelters. Lee Burrell suggests it has made a difference in some areas, but agrees with DPEW in that it has just moved the problem, further suggests that if possible there should be more than one area. Council agrees. Scott Winchester suggests it would be a good compromise and that smoking at the gates doesn’t look good for the university as now there is a lot of litter and cigarette ends. DPEW suggests the Students Association will continue to relay students’ comments to the University.

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.

There is no uptake for Chair or Depute Chair

Ordinary Members:

Proposed – Lee Burrell (seconded by Garry Quigley)

Proposed – Godfrey Mutazn (seconded by Stuart McCabe)

Proposed – Agnes Munyoro (seconded by Scott Winchester)

Unfilled positions will be taken to the next meeting of Council

(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.

There is no uptake of Elections Committee, this will be taken to next meeting of Council.

9. AOCB

Council members raise concerns regarding the removal of SAAS travel expenses, leaving students approximately £200-£300 short for travel, President comments he can't understand why this was not a bigger issue. Suggests some students are not aware but possibly due to not checking emails. Lee Burrell suggests SAAS did email students but not all students checked it.

Council members also raise issues with the new parking policy, DPEW informs council that it is an issue at all campuses, states the Students Association were given 20 parking ballots for all paisley students, the new policy has not been finalized but the parking will be the same for staff and students, notes that anyone using the UWS parking areas will have to pay something. Suggests when halls are ready there should be more spaces. President comments that the Students Association consulted with students last year and that they had a better attitude than staff. States we will look into the possibility of getting discounts at other parking areas surrounding campus and will feedback developments to council. Suggests that the policy may be preventing students from coming in when they have to pay and some students may put themselves in danger as they may have to park in dodgy areas. DPEW and CPA (Campus President Ayr, Daniel Copithorn) will consult with students as much as possible.

President notes his disappointment at the lack of attendees at Council, comments we will endeavor to redress this by putting more discussion points on the agenda, also encourages council members to suggest and submit items for discussion to the Student Representation Coordinator on src@sauws.org.uk.

*Start: 4.40pm
Finish: 5.30pm*