

## STUDENTS' COUNCIL (SRC) HAMILTON

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November, 12.30pm – 1.30pm, Boardroom 1

In the Chair, Samantha Phillips, Campus President Hamilton

### MINUTES

#### 1. Sederunt

Samantha Phillips	Campus President Hamilton
Susan Duncan	Depute President Education and Welfare
Ryan Wood	Cricket Club
Frazer McChlery	BEng Motorsport Design Engineering
Isla Todd	Journalism

#### In attendance

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

Caroline Sharp	General Manager
Arnaud Bastianelli	Sports President
Suzanne Littlejohn	Mental Health Nursing
William McAllister	Applied Bioscience
Shona Crayton	Social Science

#### 3. Acceptance of Minutes from the previous meeting

(a) Matters arising from those minutes – None, accepted as accurate

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

CPH gave an oral presentation. Reports of a successful freshers fayre which broke records for attendance, the café is doing well and there are new members of staff. Children in need is the next big event which the cricket team will be helping with.

#### 5. Acceptance of the reports and minutes of committees – None

#### 6 Business Introduced by Officer Bearers-

##### (a) Campaigns

CPH goes through the feedback campaign timeline and asks if anyone gets feedback, DPEW asks if anyone gets exam feedback and feedback on continuous assessment, DPEW further explains students should get more than just a grade, it has to explain why the grade is given. Frazer McChlery suggests it would be good to have feedback on Blackboard (using the grades section) as it can give a quick glimpse into each aspect of assessment. DPEW reports there is new assessment and feedback policy from UWS with good practice guidelines, part

of it includes electronic feedback. DPEW suggests there is much difference between courses with regards to paper and electronic submission it can be difficult for continuity across the university. Frazer McChlery reports his programme has no rep, DPEW suggests this means no student representation at SSLG's which looks at enhancement and programme design where assessment and feedback can be discussed.

#### **(b) ELIR – focus group**

DPEW explains ELIR, i.e. that it is concerned with how the University manages the quality and standards of its academic (learning and teaching) provision and their enhancement, with a focus on students' experiences of learning at the University, it will result in one of three outcomes – no confidence, limited confidence and confidence, further explains ELIR can shut universities down. This will be the first ELIR as merged institution. ELIR needs student input so it can reflect on how well the university is doing. DPEW reports the reflective analysis (RA) is a review of UWS and its structures and procedures, reports that it will be put on BlackBoard for student reps, will possibly also put it on normal BlackBoard for all students to view. Feedback for this asks – is it accurate and does it reflect the institution, there is a deadline and students will be informed of this as soon as possible. SR Coord to send out email for students to discuss RA with sabbs or organise a meeting with students, however it will not be a focus group.

#### **(c) Blackboard feedback**

SR Coord explained what feedback is required, i.e. are there too many items, is it too 'busy', does Blackboard meet the needs of our students. Frazer McChlery suggests lecturers are not taking information off from previous years, DPEW suggests that quite often lecturers are not using the facility effectively enough as there are differences between and within module uses.

#### **(d) The Smoking Ban**

CPH reports there is a proposal to have smoke free campuses where all students, staff and guests have to go to public areas to smoke, DPEW reports that the policy is in a draft form at present and is currently going through committees for amendments and approval. Questions asked by the students association is how will it be policed, DPEW not sure if it would pass as the first draft suggested staff and students would be asked to police the policy, this has since been taken out as has no smoking near halls due to safety concerns for residence, Isla Todd suggests there may be non-smokers with smokers putting them at risk also. DPEW suggest we will not argue on the human rights aspect as it is also a non-smokers right to not breath in smoke. Ryan Wood asks what is 'on campus', DPEW reports boundaries are being drawn i.e. Paisley union is technically off campus however Ayr and Hamilton are on therefore this leads to disparity between unions. DPEW reports that the smoking ban has been tried before but has never got to the stage of passing. Frazer McChlery reports one of his lecturers are not comfortable with smoking ban as can affect classes due to time constraints of going off campus during breaks. DPEW suggests there is also an Equality and Diversity monitoring issue with regards to disabled students being affected more than most other students, especially if they have mobility issues. DPEW further suggests the University would not put in smoking shelters, only smoking points. Policy to not smoke in front of doors didn't work, so why would an all out ban. This item will

be brought back to another council once finalised from University point of view. Frazer McChlery asks if he can get a copy of the policy, DPEW can send to all student reps.

**7. Motions** (emergency motion) – Safe Space Policy

CPH talks through the policy – Points of note – DPEW suggests it would be more appropriate for it to be SAUWS policy rather than campus specific.

DPEW calls for Procedural motion 1.e to be brought to table, requests to:

*Remove* – council resolves 1 – ‘on the Hamilton campus’

*Add* – council resolves 1 – ‘and events’

This will allow for coverage when not on UWS campuses

*Vote taken on parts – passed unanimously*

*Vote taken on amended motion – passed unanimously*

**8. Elections-**

**(a) Elections committee (x2)**

None elected – to be taken to next council meeting

**(b) Disciplinary committee** (Chair, Depute Chair, x5 ordinary members)

**Chair:** Proposed - Ryan Wood (seconded – Susan Duncan)

Ryan Wood duly elected

**Depute Chair:** Proposed – Isla Todd (seconded – Ryan Wood)

Isla Todd duly elected

**Ordinary Member:** Proposed – Frazer McChlery (seconded Isla Todd)

Ordinary members x4 to be elected at next council meeting

**8. AOCB-**

Ryan Wood asks how ‘show racism the red card’ event went, DPEW reports it rained all day, however there was a good turn out and there was a news article in the Paisley Daily Express.

Frazer McChlery requests to be put onto the BlackBoard rep site, DPEW responds he will need to fill out a student rep nomination form, SR Coord to email appropriate forms.

DPEW explains she attended NUS Scotland Council and a full report will be written, SR Coord to distribute to all reps, any concerns should be taken to the next Council meeting.

CPH reports that Fosters beer prices will be going up and asks if students would prefer Carling or Tennents, Ryan Wood and Frazer McChlery suggest Tennents would be better.

*Start: 12.35*

*Finish: 13.30*