

## STUDENTS' COUNCIL (SRC) PAISLEY

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November, 4.30pm – 6.00pm, 1<sup>st</sup> floor Union Building

In the Chair, Susan Duncan, Depute President Education and Welfare

### MINUTES

#### 1. Sederunt

Susan Duncan	Depute President Education and Welfare
David Gracie	Web Development (L10)
Scott Winchester	STAR group LGBT Society Convener
Katrin Andresen	Enterprise and Tourism (L9)
Alistair Walker	Product Design Development (L7)
Alexandra Mayer	International Marketing (L7)
Emma Love	Events Management (L7)

#### In attendance

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

Caroline Sharp	General Manger
Arnaud Bastianelli	Sports President
Garry Quigley	Ordinary Trustee Paisley
Stuart McCabe	Ordinary Trustee Paisley
Linda Okhuoya	STAR Group International Students Society Convener
Jamie Kinloch	BA Social Science (L8)
Gail Ruthven	Enterprise and Accounts (L10)
Elizabeth Dunlop	Mechanical Engineering (L7)
Anne Arther	Drug and Alcohol Studies (PG)
Frederick Atiso	Civil Engineering (L9)
Jennifer Little	Business Technology (L10)
William Black	Business Technology (L10)
Derek Still	Business Technology (L9)

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

**Matters arising from those minutes-** None

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

DPEW talks through report of business. With regards to entertainments we continue to have a good year. Halloween was fantastic, Alexandra Mayer also commented that it was brilliant. Campaigns, the national demo took place which was a good day apart from the disruptive and violent action destroying Conservative party headquarters, SAUWS does not condone the action. SAUWS shared buses with Strathclyde, Reid Kerr, and Scottish Agricultural College. With regards to the feedback campaign, we will be sending out a toolkit very soon. In sports, the 'show racism

the red card' tournament was great, very good day. The Sports President is in the process of organising cultural events and a disability sports day. DPEW reports attendance of SAUWS members to NUS Scottish Council, a report will follow, SR Coord will distribute. The Biggest thing with regards to motions was education funding, there was very little debate and the motion passed smoothly.

Questions on report of business open to floor – None, council accepted report

**5. Acceptance of the reports and minutes of committees-** None, DPEW explains this section can include sub-committees of the Association, however as there are currently no sub-committees there is nothing to report.

## **6 Business Introduced by Officer Bearers-**

### **(a) Blackboard Feedback**

DPEW requests feedback on what council thinks of BlackBoard. Katrin Andresen reports it is more organised with some good links and good advertisements but perhaps could be even more organised, also suggests once used to it, it's ok to use but can be complicated at first. Alexandra Mayer requests for timetables to be updated. DPEW asks if any members received training to use BlackBoard, no training had been given. Alistair Walker reports that to go to student email page, you have to log out of BlackBoard or go to UWS home page first, can we integrate this (emails) into BlackBoard. David Gracie agrees, stating there are links to modules, why not for email. Katrin Andresen reports that the latest announcements are at the bottom of site, can this be moved to the top. There was also consensus that BlackBoard is not used consistently enough by lecturers.

*Scott Winchester entered room 16.42*

Scott Winchester reports BlackBoard can be messy at times and it can difficult to find modules, some specifications are out of date. DPEW suggests it is not so much BlackBoard itself but its usage from lecturers.

### **(b) Student Link Feedback**

DPEW asks if council members have used the new student link/hub and what do they think. David Gracie suggests it is a good idea to have the different support departments in one area, the space makes it obvious something is going on and students can easily approach staff as it is more inviting. Katrin Andresen didn't initially know what it was for and is still a little unsure. DPEW suggests perhaps getting some signage/postering to promote departments. Alexandra Mayer reports the only time she has used it was to pick up some papers. Alistair Walker used it to get directions.

### **(c) ELIR involvement**

DPEW runs through what ELIR is 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. We are now at stage of looking for feedback of the Reflective Analysis (RA) from students. There is a form to complete for feedback, students are asked to think about if the RA reflects their experience as a UWS student. All documents and further information is on the SAUWS website ([http://sauws.org.uk/news/index.php?page=article&news\\_id=195703](http://sauws.org.uk/news/index.php?page=article&news_id=195703)) for students to read in

their own time. However feedback is required no later than Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November. DPEW will then collate responses and pass back to the University. DPEW further expresses that it is very important to get students view as the ELIR process can help us to get things changed.

**7. Motions-**  
**(a) Safe Space Policy**

*Emma Love entered room 16.49*

David Gracie explains the motion has been submitted as the previous policy had lapsed. Reports he is Chair of disciplinary board and the policy will cover any form of abuse, victimisation, harassment etc., this can help students and guests to feel safe and not intimidated. The 'Safe space' phase comes from NUS events and this motion helps us to keep in line with them. David Gracie reports that this policy will make completely clear any intimidation etc. can be reported and action taken.

Questions open to the floor – None.

Council moves to vote – *passed unanimously*

**8. Elections-**  
**(a) Disciplinary committee (x3 ordinary members)**

**Ordinary Member:** Proposer – Katrin Andresen (seconded – Alexandra Mayer)

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**Ordinary Member:** Proposer – Emma Love (seconded – Alistair Walker)

**8. AOCB-**

Katrin Andresen – Made a request for a cheap coffee machine near Gardener building. DPEW will take forward and report back.

Alistair Walker – Reported that he is doing engineering which uses P118 and R building lecture hall, the janitors have complained that the rooms have been left with an unacceptable amount of rubbish, janitor spoke to head of engineering to look at ways to tackle the problem. Alistair further reports that the lecturer does not do anything to stop people from eating/drinking but there is no general waste bin. DPEW will discuss the issue with the Dean of students. Additionally reports that last year after rooms were done up, no bins were put back in rooms. Scott Winchester comments there are now notices stating that students can eat and drink in rooms provided it is in a resealable container.

David Gracie – Reports that the wireless network across campus is poor, including areas where WiFi is advertised, David further comments that with a large ICT department there should be a better wireless system. DPEW has heard of bad connections in halls and is waiting to hear back of a meeting of ICT and estates, the Dean of Students is also involved in getting a response and this is now a wider issue. David Gracie suggests that sometimes he can't get onto external websites such as SAUWS website and when researching, only UWS and BlackBoard. David further reports he sometimes can't log into student email due to the connection being so poor and again this is an external webpage. Katrin Andresen reports that she can't check yahoo email account. Alexandra Mayer also can't log in to the UWS network with Mac computer, possibly due to outdated information and instructions. Alistair Walker suggests perhaps the UWS internet explorer is outdated. DPEW reports that ICT are suggesting costs are restraining a good network.

Katrin Andresen – Reports that some of the library computers are not connected to printers, which can waste student's time. Also, some computers are very slow across campus when logging on, Alexandra Mayer agreed with this.

*Start 16.35*

*Finish 17.15*