

STUDENTS' COUNCIL (SRC) Paisley

Thursday 16th December, 4.30pm – 5.30pm, Level 2 Students Union

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

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Susan Duncan	Depute President Education and Welfare
Arnaud Bastianelli	Sports President
Garry Quigley	Ordinary Trustee Paisley
Jamie Kinloch	BA Social Science (L8)
David Gracie	Web Development (L10)
Pradeep Varre	UWS Indian Society Convener
Scott Winchester	STAR group LGBT Society Convener

In Attendance

Claire Lumsden	Student Representation Coordinator
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2. Acceptance of Apologies

Caroline Sharp	General Manger
Stuart McCabe	Ordinary Trustee Paisley
Katrin Andresen	Enterprise and Tourism (L9)

3. Acceptance of Minutes from the previous meeting

(a) Matters arising from those minutes-

SR Coord – *item 7(a)* – 'phase' should read 'phrase'

DPEW – Feedback on IT issues – IT issues were taken forward and the university are now upgrading wireless access, also points out this is an issues at all campuses. This is an important point as the ELIR document is being amended to state that Wi-Fi is not great however it is being upgraded. Further updates will be given when upgrade is complete. Gary Quigley suggests it seems faster but has heard staff complaining. DPEW asks if there are any further issues or questions. There were none, minutes were accepted as accurate.

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

DPEW reports that the Union Building was closed on Friday 3rd at night, the decision was taken due to safety concerns as the weather was reported to be hazardous. DPEW points out that Trustees are liable for safety of students particularly when using the Union Building and the university had closed that Friday also. The university was also shut on Monday afternoon of the 6th until Thursday 9th inclusive for safety reasons due to the weather and as the university was closed the union closed also. DPEW reports that the students association is still waiting on children in need sponsorship therefore a cheque has not been sent yet.

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

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

6 Business Introduced by Officer Bearers-

(a) Parking strategy

DPEW informs council the university are devising a new parking strategy for all campuses except Dumfries and have specific areas they would like students to help with. DPEW attended the parking strategy presentation and asks council specific questions for comments with responses noted on the questionnaire.

Scott Winchester entered the room 16.58

A discussion took place with DPEW noting responses.

(b) Club constitution ratifications for GCCS

SR Coord explains what GCCS is and that ratification of club constitutions is required by Students' Council. Council is asked to agree or disagree that constitutions are accepted. UWS Indian society convener gave a short introduction to the group and its aims. Gary Quigley gave an introduction to the SNP group and its aims. SR Coord read statement from the photo society. There were no questions from the floor.

Council is asked to accept club constitutions, all are accepted.

7. Motions- Emergency Motion

(a)SAUWS Environmental and Ethical Policy

DPEW talks through the motion and points out that the policy is very similar to last year. However changes this year include transport – Banning domestic air flights for union business within the UK mainland, however appeals may be made to the board of trustees. Further points out that the students association is aiming for the gold award this year in the green impact awards (achieved bronze last year).

Questions open to the floor, none. The motion was put to vote and passed unanimously.

8. Elections- None

9. AOCB-

DPEW reports that the Paisley campus will open computer labs over Christmas with the exception of Christmas day and New Year's day. Also reports that assessment deadlines have been extended until 17th Dec. Council states lecturers have done well with gaining back time.

Jamie Kinloch reports he went to Brussels as part of NUS which was an educational visit. The biggest thing was with regards to EU students on Erasmus, they have set a target of 20% of EU students to be on the Erasmus scheme by 2020. As a widening access university, some students may see studying abroad as not an option for them, particularly for disabled and parent students however they can still be funded to study abroad. DPEW suggests that the university and the Students' Association could plan a road show which will suggest taking a gap year or working with charities, internship, sandwich year etc.

David Gracie reports that the LGBT Society did an event for world aids day. They had a balloon ribbon like last year and had a stall in the bar with leaflets on sexual health and HIV specific

information, condoms and lubricant were also available. These were quite popular however there was low take up of leaflets. There was also a presentation shown in the bar with statistics and HIV/aids Information. Students in the bar did come over to speak to David about the event and asked some questions. Gary Quigley felt the leaflets were very good and LGBT group should be congratulated on a good campaign. David Gracie adds that ribbon boxes were left at front reception, java and at reception of level 4. They raised approx £45 for world aids day. DPEW states they did a good job also.

Start: 16.45
Finish: 18.00