

STUDENTS' COUNCIL (SRC) HAMILTON

Wednesday 16th March 2011, 1.30pm, Committee room 2

In the Chair, Samantha Phillips, Campus President Hamilton

MINUTES

1. Sederunt

Samantha Phillips	Campus President Hamilton
Arnaud Bastianelli	Sports President
Fraser McChlery	Motor sports Design
Paul Friel	Business Studies
Stella Matimba	Business Studies
Adam Kenyon	Business Studies

In attendance

Caroline Sharp	General Manager
Claire Lumsden	Student Representation Co-ordinator
Jamie Kinloch	BA Social Science (L8) (Paisley Campus)
Chris Scott	Ordinary Trustee Ayr

2. Acceptance of Apologies

Susan Duncan	Depute President Education and Welfare
Ryan Wood	BSc (Hons) Sports Coaching

3. Acceptance of Minutes from the previous meeting

(a) Matters arising from those minutes-

DPEW – *Item 6 (c)* – 'DWEP' should read 'DPEW'

There were no further points, minutes accepted as accurate.

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

SP talks through the sports report. In the Glasgow cup, UWS cricket team lost to Glasgow Caledonian University, the team is doing well though, the summer league will begin in April/May if you would like to get involved contact Arnaud Bastianelli on sp@sauws.org.uk. The football team lost their last game to Napier but there are more to play. In basketball there are low numbers and we can't justify booking the hall for only a few players, badminton is in the same position although they started off with strong membership this is now decreasing, it will be beneficial for these teams to have a presence at the next Freshers. There is an Intercampus competition being held on Saturday 16th April, SP is currently promoting it and has put up posters and encourages council to spread the word amongst both students and staff (and the wider community), the theme is 'UWS in the Park' (at take on 'T in the Park'). 33 seater buses will be provided, picking people up from each campus throughout the day taking them to Thornly Park and back to campus. People can come and

go as they please and get involved in as many sports as they wish. If anyone has any questions contact Arnaud Bastianelli on sp@sauws.org.uk. SP notes that this event is a great opportunity for getting all campuses in one area on one day and will be a good way to get 1st and 2nd years involved. This year the Sports Ball is being held on Friday 29th April being held at Paisley Union, the cost is £15 per ticket which will pay for a 3 course meal, awards and a live band on the night. With regards to transport, last year Ayr students put money together to get bus, students from Hamilton may benefit from considering something like this. If there are any questions please contact Arnaud Bastianelli.

CPH talks through the Hamilton campus report, comments that there were 120 votes for the Oscars party, winners were: Best Female- Kelly-Anne Wilson; Best Male- Paul Friel; Most supportive of the Union- Adam Kenyon; Best staff member- Ann Hughes (coffee shop); Most supportive staff- Bill and Moira Clarke (Almada shop). CPH handed out certificates and awards. The next event is a Neds and Geeks Fancy dress night which is being organised by 2nd year business students for their course, CPH asks council to spread the word and come along to support them.

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

SR Co-ord explains that there can be sub-committees for Council, a suggestion from Paisley was an events committee. Hamilton Council suggests a Campaigns committee. If there are any other suggestions or if anyone wants to set something up please contact Samantha Phillips on cph@sauws.org.uk.

6 Business Introduced by Officer Bearers-

(a) Results from questionnaires

CPH comments that the last round of GOATing (Go Out And Talking) focused on the proposed smoking ban, 70% of students surveyed are opposed. CPH informs council that the only building that wouldn't be affected by the ban is the Paisley Union as it is outwith the University boundaries. CPH further explains the main concerns are the health and safety issues as well as disability/access needs issues.

(b) Union beer choice

CPH asks council members to complete a survey asking what beer they would like to have in the Union and asks council to ask their colleagues and friends. The most popular suggestions will be given priority however there is a need to also look at prices as the most popular may not be the most financially viable. CPH informs council that surveys are available from the bar and that they should be returned by next Friday (25th March).

(c) Events at Union

CPH comments that for St Patricks day there will be alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks available as well as goodies to give away, also reminds Council that fresh coffee is available at the union daily. CPH would like students to suggest events to run at the Union and ask council members to also ask their colleagues and friends, all ideas and suggestions will be welcomed and considered, please contact Samantha Phillips on cph@sauws.org.uk. Fraser McChlery suggests a race night, Adam Kenyon asks if this will be considered gambling, Fraser McChlery suggests not as there will be set amounts to win, which is not gambling.

7. Motions- None

8. Elections-

(a) Disciplinary Committee (x1)

SR Co-ord explains the purpose of the disciplinary committee i.e. that if someone is found to be in breach of the Union Regulations the disciplinary committee will consider the case and issue a reprimand if found guilty. GM further explains that it is separate from the disciplinary committee at the University

Adam Kenyon and Paul Friel both would like to stand for the position therefore an election will be held. Each candidate is given a 1minute 30seconds speech. Council then moved to vote.

For Adam – 1

For Paul – 1

Abstentions – 2

As there was no clear winner Adam stood down, resulting in Paul being seconded by Arnaud Bastianelli and therefore was elected. However, GM suggested that it would be possible for the two candidates to co-opt (share) the position.

9. AOCB-

CPH informs council that the next annual Student Rep Conference 'Learning in the 21st Century' will be held on Wednesday 20th April, authorised absence from class has been given for those attending. SR Co-ord explains the workshops will be on Assessment Feedback (including exams) and the University's new Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy. More information can be found on the Student Rep Blackboard site, the closing date for registration is Friday 8th April, to get a registration form email studentinvolvement@uws.ac.uk. Fraser McChlery notes that he does not have access to the Student Rep blackboard site, SR Co-ord will ensure council members are entered onto the site.

CPH notes that there is a National Demo on Tuesday 22nd March, buses will be put on taking students from Hamilton to Edinburgh and back again. The demo calls on candidates in the Scottish Parliament elections to make three commitments to students: 1 – No tuition fees in Scotland; 2 – Protection of graduate numbers and college places; 3 – Improved student support. Tickets cost £2 each or if you're not able to attend on the day please sign the petition online at www.reclaimyourvoice.co.uk.

CPH also informs council that the student election campaigns have started and that voting opens on Monday 21st March at 10am and closes on Friday 25th at 12pm with results announced at 2pm. CPH notes that all voting is online and that students will get a unique password specifically to vote sent to their student email accounts, asks council member to encourage all students to vote. Manifestos can also be found online, please visit www.sauws.org.uk/elections.

Fraser McChlery introduces himself to Council as the Motor Sports Society convener and that the group is aiming to get an inter-university competition running, in order to do this there is a need to affiliate with the Motor Sports Association (MSA) for insurance purposes and agree to the requirements of their constitution, copies are available for council to view. The MSA can provide up to £30million for 3rd party insurance. Fraser McChlery draws council's attention to point 3 of the MSA constitution which requires clubs to assess the need for Child Protection Policy (CPP) and informs council that, after discussion with MSA, the conclusion is that if there are club members under 18 years of age it is deemed as coincidental and therefore there is no need for a CPP or disclosures. Fraser McChlery further notes that as of next year (academic year 2011-2012) the fee will be £15 per bonnet per driver, £5 will go to MSA with £10 going to the club. SP asks if staff is supportive of this, Fraser McChlery comments that they are.

SP asks if health and safety issues have been considered? Fraser McChlery suggests that every member affiliated to SAUWS is covered however that it is the club that is affiliated not the individual member, further adds that the MSA do provide a detailed booklet governing health and safety and they also provide training for stewards on health and safety. SP also asks if other university's have similar clubs? Fraser McChlery comments that Glasgow University do and that he will be getting in touch with them to get a championship going. Paul friel asks what kind of events the group will run? Fraser McChlery suggest that off-roading competitions, group activities such as going to knockhill and the pitts to see what really goes on and how its run, can also do fundraising for charities. However due to costs only auto testing will be run at present, explains that this is a set of cones set out as an obstacle course, the winner is the quickest car round. SP asks about the groups budgeting, Fraser McChlery suggests that if the group is up and running with members and cars, one run of 8-10 cars in a day at a cost of £10 a head, notes that monies required from SAUWS will be minimal as the group will be essentially self sufficient. SP further asks if the group will have a committee, Fraser McChlery suggests that there will be a committee voted in by its members, SP suggests that he will send job descriptions for each committee member. Fraser McChlery informs council that the constitution has to be online for a month on the MSA website and if someone doesn't want them to be an MSA affiliated club they can say so, further comments that the next step is to allocate roles/positions within the committee. Fraser McChlery also notes that the club would like to get staff involved as they do seem keen.

Council is asked if there are any more questions, there are none. A vote is taken to accept the constitution by show of hands, the constitution is unanimously accepted.

GM informs council that the Learning and Teaching Awards are online and that nominations close on Friday 18th March, encourages council members to get classmates to nominate teachers who go above the expected standard and that it would be good to get representation from Hamilton students.

Start: 13.40
Finish: 14.15