

STUDENTS' COUNCIL (SRC) Paisley

Thursday 17th March, 4.30pm, Level 2 Union building

In the Chair, Susan Duncan Depute President Education and Welfare

MINUTES

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Susan Duncan	Depute President Education and Welfare
Arnaud Bastianelli	Sports President
Scott Winchester	STAR group LGBT Society Convener
Rhyn Hewardine	STAR group Women's group Convener
David Gracie	Web Development (L10)
Stewart McInnes	Human Resource Management (L10)
Jamie Kinloch	BA Social Science (L8)

In attendance

Claire Lumsden	Student Representation Co-ordinator
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2. Acceptance of Apologies

Caroline Sharp	General Manger
Garry Quigley	Ordinary Trustee Paisley
Stuart McCabe	Ordinary Trustee Paisley
Emma Love	Events Management (L7)
Gail Ruthven	Enterprise and Accounts (L10)

3. Acceptance of Minutes from the previous meeting

(a) Matters arising from those minutes-

DPEW reports that with regards to the Smoking ban, feedback from GOATing (Go Out And Talking) has been given to the University to consider, currently waiting to hear back. With regards to the ICT issues, this was reported at the Student Experience Group (SEG) and DPEW will be making an appointment with the IT representative, with the logging in times there has been some software added to computers which are possibly slowing them down.

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

DPEW reports that today is St Patrick's Day with the Union celebrating all day. There will be an OAP night on Friday 18th March for Rednose Day and a Head Phone disco will be held on Friday 25th March. There will be a Lady Gaga fancy dress party on Friday 1st April, more information on events found on the website at www.sauws.org.uk.

Scott Winchester entered 16.38

DPEW further reports that the Scotland Demo is on Tuesday 22nd March. 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 and are available from the Union Bar or if you're not able to attend on the day please sign the petition online at www.reclaimyourvoice.co.uk. Buses are leaving from each campus and will return at 8pm, there is also an after party hosted by Edinburgh University Students Association.

DPEW comments that the SEG have reported a low response rate for the National Student Survey (NSS), each School require at least a 50% response rate or they are not included. The NSS mainly target 3rd years, if you are invited to take part please take the time to complete the survey as it is very important for the University to know where problems lie and to make positive changes on things such as assessment and feedback and the overall learning and teaching experience.

The NUS Report will be sent out to council members for review, any questions or comments can be taken to the next council meeting. The new President of NUS Scotland is from Aberdeen University (Robin Parker) and the Depute President is from Aberdeen College (Graeme Kirkpatrick). It was a tight contest with some interesting debates, more so for the Depute President Candidates. The Scottish Executive Committee were also elected, these are Part-Time, voluntary position.

DPEW informs council that the SAUWS elections are on at the moment for next year's sabbaticals and ordinary trustees, the majority are contested except Sports President and Hamilton Campus President. Campaigning has started and voting opens on Monday 21st March at 10am and closes on Friday 25th March at 12pm with results announced at 2pm. All voting is online, 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.

SP informs council of an intercampus competition being held on Saturday 16th April at Thornly Park from 10am to 3.30pm. Further comments that students and lecturers are invited and hopes to get the whole community involved, should be a great day. Buses will be running from the Union and accommodation buildings to Thornly Park all day, please spread the word. This year the Sports ball will be held on Friday 29th April 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. If there are any questions please contact Arnaud Bastianelli on sp@sauws.org.uk.

There were no questions on report of business from the floor, council accepted report.

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

6 Business Introduced by Officer Bearers-
(a) Student conference

Feedback from last year's student conference half day event was that it was a very good and interesting day with a mix of students from different years and campuses. Due to its success SAUWS and the University will be holding another one, this year it will be held on Wednesday 20th April and it is free to attend (there is also a free lunch and UWS hoodie). Workshops are the University's Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy being developed and Assessment and Feedback (including exams). The Principle will welcome delegates and has excused reps for the

day in order to attend. 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.

(b) Have your say

This campaign aims to allow students to suggest ideas and subsequently vote on one of SAUWS priority campaigns for session 2011-2012. After considerable research, the short list is:

- Better Buses (more often and cheaper)
- Car Parking on Campus (more for students)
- Drink Responsibly (awareness of effects of alcohol)
- Affordable Accommodation (UWS halls of residence)
- Give Blood (awareness and donation on campus)

To vote, go to the elections voting page (www.sauws.org.uk/election), enter your Banner ID and your unique password (this is sent to your student email account), then simply vote. Don't forget to vote in the Student Elections as well.

7. Motions-None

8. Elections-

There are positions available within the Disciplinary committee (x1) and the Elections Committee (x 1), however as notice of elections were not given, these will be taken to the next Paisley SRC. If anyone is interested and would like information please contact Claire Lumsden on src@sauws.org.uk.

9. AOCB-

Rhyn Hewardine comments with regards to the smoking ban to speak to Campus President Ayr (CPA) to set up a petition and a protest at Ayr and possibly Hamilton, also get local media involved and the community. Adds that the new campus is situated in a place known for violence and there are concerns for women and disabled students, generally putting vulnerable people at risk as the woods are unlit. DPEW asks council if there are any thoughts on this, Jamie Kinloch suggests this is a good idea. Rhyn Hewardine also comments that she met with Kelly Temple (NUS Scotland Women's Officer) to show her around the new campus and found someone behaving in an inappropriate manner, a local told them to be careful as it is a bad area. DPEW asks council if they want SAUWS to take forward a petition and protest for the extremities and safety concerns. Council agreed this would be a good idea.

SP informs council that a Motor Sports Society has been set up, they require affiliation with the Motor Sports Association (MSA) for insurance purposes, the MSA can provide up to £30million for 3rd party insurance. The group have to agree to the requirements of the MSA constitution, copies of which are available for council to view. SR Co-ord informs council that the MSA constitution does not clash with the SAUWS constitution. SP also informs council that the group have 60 signings so far and it's growing, lecturers and staff are welcome to get involved, there are also lots of opportunities to fundraise. The fee to members will be £15 per bonnet per driver, £5 will go to MSA with £10 going to the club. Rhyn Hewardine comments that anything to get students involved is good. Jamie Kinloch informs council that one of the activities is auto testing which is a set of cones set out as an obstacle course, the winner is the quickest car round. Council unanimously accept the MSA constitution.

Rhyn Hewardine informs council that SAUWS now have a women's group of which she is the convener, there is now a need to get a committee together, asks council to inform their colleagues and friends to help raise awareness and get some members. At freshers there were 16 sign ups from Paisley and 30 from Ayr. The group aims to raise awareness of women's equality, DPEW comments that there was an attempt to set up a group last year but that this is good coming from a student. Rhyn Hewardine explains that she ran a group at her other institution and felt SAUWS needed one, she has lots of ideas to get going but more members are needed. SP comments that there is need to find out what the group wants, Rhyn Hewardine suggests that a vote will be taken by its members on what they want to do, Rhyn Hewardine has emailed students who signed up but there have been no responses. SP suggests that more promotion is possibly needed otherwise students may lose interest, further suggests to have a presence on the website and to think about the next freshers, an example could be to do a 'race for life' as a group. Rhyn Hewardine suggests that Breast Cancer Awareness is in October over a couple of weeks and hopes to hold an event for this with a finale event to celebrate. Stewart McInnes comments that Zumba is a fun thing that the women's group could do, DPEW suggests the group could attach a meeting onto an event and to also encourage the men to get involved.

DPEW reminds council that the Learning and Teaching awards close tomorrow (Friday 18th), the awards are a good way to raise good practice in different categories. Voting is on the website, SP asks what the response rate is, DPEW suggests it is lower this year due to shorter opening time and less time to promote the event. Judging will take place next week with the awards ceremony being held in April. Further explains that students who's tutor has been shortlisted will also get an invitation to the event.

DPEW also reminds council to vote in the student elections, voting opens on Monday 21st March at 10am and closes on Friday 25th at 12pm with results announced at 2pm. Also asks council to encourage their colleagues and friends to vote.

Start: 16.35
Finish: 17.05