

STUDENTS' COUNCIL (SRC) Hamilton

Wednesday 11th May, 3.30pm, Students Union Cafe

In the Chair, Samantha Phillips, Campus President Hamilton

MINUTES

1. Sederunt

Samantha Phillips	Campus President Hamilton
Adam Kenyon	Business Studies
Paul Friel	Business Studies
Fraser McChlery	Motor sports Design
Todd Hopkinson	Motor sports Design
Danny Farrow	Sports Coaching

In attendance

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

Caroline Sharp	General Manger
Arnaud Bastianelli	Sports President
Susan Duncan	Depute President Education and Welfare
Stella Matimba	Business Studies
Shafoora Sabbir	Health and Lifestyle
Isla Todd	Journalism
Ryan Wood	Cricket Club

3. Acceptance of Minutes from the previous meeting (attached)

(a) Matters arising from those minutes-

CPH states that the motor sports constitution has now been passed at each campus. The 'reclaim your voice' event has happened, feedback suggests it was a great day.

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

CPH gave an oral presentation stating that since the last Hamilton SRC she has attended several big events organised by the Students Association. Reports that the 2nd annual Learning and Teaching Awards Ceremony was held on the 15th of April in Paisley Student Union, this initiative allows students to nominate lecturers for various categories. The winners are decided by a judging panel, which CPH was part of. The awards were presented by Susan Duncan Depute President Education and Welfare and Liam Burns NUS Scotland President, elected NUS National President. Comments that the only downside to the event was the noticeable lack of senior management in attendance. This will be brought up at the Student Experience Group meeting being held on the 12th of May by the DPEW. CPH further states that the 4th annual UWS Sports Ball has taken place, the night was full of awards going to our UWS sports teams and Societies. The Hamilton based Cricket team won most improved sports team and NUWS (Student newspaper)

won Society of the year. Comments that the Hamilton based 'oot and aboot' society were also nominated for society of the year, individuals such as Ryan Wood the Cricket team captain also received an award. It was a very well attended event and everyone enjoyed it. CPH also reports attendance at the 21st Century Learning and Teaching Student Conference which was held in the Paisley Campus and seen 68 students from all Campuses attend. The afternoon event was to gauge student opinion in two different areas, the first was the new Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy (LTAS) and the other on Feedback. The wide variety of students in attendance (Undergraduates/postgraduates/PHD students) all provided fantastic feedback for both areas, all however were in agreement that LTAS needs to be more student friendly as it was "just words" to quote one student. CPH states that there is only next week left of the Union being commercially open for business, informs council that they are having a study party tonight (11th May) with free tea and biscuits to help with the studying, the music will also be at a respectable level. Further states that in addition to the study party the Union will be having an end of year party named the Final Countdown, students are recommended to bring in a t-shirt that they can get signed. CPH finally states that the Students Association wishes everyone the best of luck with their exams and coursework.

There were no questions from the floor, report was unanimously accepted

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

6 Business Introduced by Officer Bearers-

(a) Social Media for Learning & Teaching

Fraser McClery suggests his class has their own facebook page which is a closed group so that students can discuss things openly without lecturers input, suggests this is better than Blackboard as more students use it and it's easy to access, further notes that lecturers don't always update Blackboard except for lecture notes. Paul Friel comments his class have a similar group however there have been issues students collaborating which is not allowed. Adam Kenyon suggests that some lecturers don't know how to use Blackboard therefore only using it minimally. Fraser McClery comments that with regards to videos there is not enough space on Blackboard to show these therefore YouTube is good to use, however states that as computers can be slow there is also a disadvantage for downloading videos as it can take a very long time. Also suggests that the Dell computers struggle to connect to Wi-Fi therefore is another disadvantage, suggests that the use of 'drop box' software would be beneficial as it constantly updates information using the internet. Daniel Farrow comments that this in general is a good idea however the Hamilton Halls Manager suggested Wi-Fi is not included in the price of accommodation and that it is a gift, suggests that Wi-Fi connections must be improved before any introduction of using social media for learning and teaching, particularly if Wi-Fi is a gift.

(b) Lean project @UWS

Fraser McClery comments that student services could be better in terms of providing information, also comments the Job Shop often advertise out of date jobs and that there needs to be accessible printing/yellow paper for those with enabling support needs. With regards to the Finance department, council members agree they are generally helpful and efficient however their opening times are not suited to many students, suggest that they should open during lunch time possibly on a rota lunch. Council members who have used the pay online facility suggest it doesn't work properly, suggests that they should make it clear that rent is paid yearly not monthly when asked to input information, further suggest that there should be a facility to cancel information

once submitted or make it clearer what information is required as currently it cannot be cancelled or changed. Council suggest that the online enrolment is a good idea, very straight forward and easy to use. With regards to ICT, council agree that they are generally very helpful and will fix problems as soon as they can, however Wi-Fi connections need to be better.

(c) NUS UK feedback

CPH reports that she had a great time a National Conference which was held in The Sage Centre Gateshead Newcastle on the 12/04/11 -14/04/11. Highlights of the three day conference where - all Liberation and Sections adoptions were accepted, including International Students with a 2/3 majority, the Union Development Zone report was accepted and the Society and Citizenship report was accepted. Election Results were as follows:

Liam Burns – NUS National President
Toni Pearce – Vice-President (Further Education)
Usman Ali – Vice-President (Higher Education)
Dannie Grufferty – Vice-President (Society and Citizenship)
Ed Marsh – Vice-President (Union Development)
Ben Whittaker – Vice-President (Welfare)

CPH further states that we at the Students Association are very pleased Liam Burns was elected as he is currently the NUS Scotland President and has done a fantastic job to date helping every affiliated HE and FE institute. All the Universities and Colleges (NUS Affiliated) in Scotland fully back Liam and most where in his campaign team. We look forward to him representing us at a national level again.

There were no questions from the floor.

7. Motions-

(a) Notice in terms of the Education Act 1994

CPH goes through the motion, stating that we are affiliated to these organisations and that each year this is taken to council for approval. States that although it seems like a large amount of money we do get lots of help and resource from NUS to run campaigns and Board of Trustee training, we also use NUSSL for our bar stock which is why it can be cheap, further notes that we hold shares in NUSSL and that we do get some money back for this. With regards to BUCS and SUS, CPH notes that the Sports President has suggested that this year (2011-12) BUCS are not planning to increase their affiliation fee, however SUS might as they now include Colleges. There were no questions from the floor.

There was no speech against, council moves to vote

*For: Unanimous
Motion passes with two thirds majority*

(b) Constitutional amendment – Code of Discipline

CPH informs council that this motion was submitted by the Disciplinary Chair for Paisley Campus. Explains that changes include simple language and changes to the notification of a hearing which will make it easier for disciplinary hearings to be held. Further states that although the disciplinary committee at Hamilton Campus has not met, these changes would benefit any meeting held there.

Speech against is not taken.

CPH asks if there are any questions, Adam Kenyon asks for clarification of what Council Resolves 6 means. SR Co-ord states this would ban students from the Union until the time of the hearing. Adam Kenyon points out that it would not be fair to ban students from commercial services before being proved guilty therefore requests that this be removed. SR Co-ord asks that this be formally stated, Adam Kenyon puts forward Procedural Motion 5.1 (e), that parts be taken to remove Council Resolves point 6.

CPH allows 1minute speech for the removal of Council Resolves 6. This is taken by Adam Kenyon. Reiterates that it would be unfair to ban students who have not been found guilty by the disciplinary committee and that the principle of innocent until proven guilty should stand.

There is no speech against

Council moves to vote on Parts – *Vote to remove Council Resolves point 6*

*For: Unanimous
Parts are removed*

Council moves to vote on motion as it stands

*For: Unanimous
Motion Passes with two thirds majority*

(c)Election Participation

CPH informs council this motion was put forward to address the very low turnout in this year's student elections. Further states that the submitter of the motion suggests there is a need for a committee to organise and run the elections for next year and bring in staff for marketing and promotion etc.

Speech against is not taken

CPH asks if there are any questions. Paul Friel asks if there is really a need to take on extra staff specifically for elections. CPH suggests that it is up to council to decide if this is necessary, however explains that there are staff that have democratic services in their job description who could possibly take on election promotion, also that candidates should be encouraging students to vote, even if it is to Re-Open Nominations (RON). Paul Friel therefore asks if 'paid professional' can be removed, however states that he agrees more needs to be done to encourage election participation. SR Co-ord clarifies that parts be taken on Union Resolves 2 to remove 'paid professional'. Paul Friel states yes.

CPH allows 1minute for speech to remove 'paid professional' taken by Paul Friel. States that there is no need for extra staff to be hired, we need to make the most of who we already have and perhaps provide training or advice to candidates on how to promote the elections and how students can vote.

Speak against not taken

Council moves to vote on parts – *Vote to remove from Union Resolves 2 'paid professional'*

*For: Unanimous
Parts are removed*

Council moves to vote on motion as it stands

*For: Unanimous
The motion passes with majority*

8. Elections- None

9. AOCB-

Fraser McClery asks if it would be possible to have Sky TV in halls which includes knowledge (e.g. discovery channel) and sports (e.g. Sky Sports 2,3) packages, suggests that it would be beneficial for different courses for example, in a recent exam there were questions on a topic which had been shown on Sky TV, further notes that some students learn better with visual aids. Suggests that if this can't be in Halls, would it be possible in the University somewhere or in the Union, suggests that there could be a booking system for what programmes they want to watch. CPH suggests this is currently being planned for the Union however no decisions have been made.

Council note that they would like to see more of the cross-campus sabbatical officers next year, stating they feel Hamilton campus is neglected. Further note that although this has been a busy year without a president, they would like to know who their sabbs are and request that they visit each campus at least once a week. State that they have voted them in and now want to see them on campus not just in Paisley.

Council members note they would like to have a breakdown of what they are paying for in Halls as they have been told Wi-Fi is not included in the price, they would like to know exactly what they are paying for. Questions were also raised regarding the costs of replacing damaged goods within the halls of residence and if this was at the most reasonable cost to the students, particularly the reupholstering of the furniture, Council questioned if there was any personal interest between the companies used and the Residence unit manager Hamilton.

*Start: 15.40
Finish: 16.30*