



STUDENT VOICE MINUTES

Wednesday 30th March 2016, 2pm.

Venues:

Ayr- LT1

Dumfries- R217

Hamilton- A216 (moved to A220)

Paisley- P118

In the Chair – Ann Mitchell, Union Chair

1. Members Present

Ayr

Alanna Simpson Information Technology

Dumfries

Sam Glendinning Executive Officer Dumfries

Hamilton

Simon Cain Sports President

Rachel Taylor Sport and Exercise Science

Francisca Bonato Events Management

Joseph Hill Computing Science

Paisley

Jack Douglas President

John Black Depute President Education and Welfare (DPEW)

Bren McNeil Information Technology

Heather Armstrong Social Science

Rachel Smith Social Science

Euan Stobbs Chemistry

Matteo Paviza Computing

In attendance

Claire Lumsden Student Representation Co-ordinator (in Hamilton) (SRCo-ord)

David Devlin Membership Development Manager/Deputy Returning Officer (in Paisley) (DRO)

Rebecca Calvert Website, Digital Media and Communication Co-ordinator (in Ayr) (WDMCCo-ord)

Janine Hunt Chief Executive (in Paisley)

2. Apologies

Kerri McIlwraith	Adult Nursing
Elaine Walker	Adult Nursing
Caitlin McNeil	Adult Nursing
Anna Anderson	Mental Health Nursing
Katherine Hart	Mental Health Nursing
Neil Adams	Mental Health Nursing
Helen Thomson	Midwifery
Fiona Abbey	Business
Laura McGeehan	Business
Gemma McLeish	Human Resource Management
Debbie Melville	Marketing
Pamela Burke	Marketing
Samantha Mathieson	Finance and Accounting
Sakib Khan	Accounting
Cathy Holmes	Education
Lori Anne Torney	Education
Gillian Caitens	Education
Valerie O'Hara	Childhood Studies
Julia McCrum	PGCert Child Protection
Sean Murray	PGDE Secondary Physical Education
Kayleigh Walsh	PGDE Secondary Modern Foreign Languages
Leanne Austin	Integrated Health and Social Care
Jodie Murdoch	Computing Science
Nikki Muldoon	Sport and Exercise Science
Margo MacMillan	Social Science
Michelle Burton	Social Work
Paula Thompson	Psychology

Union Chair facilitates a change in agenda to allow the Election of the Senior Student Representative and Second Court Representative to be moved forward.

Union Chair introduces the Deputy Returning Officer (DRO) who will run the election, please see item **4. b)** for minute of proceedings.

3. Minutes and Matters Arising (attached)

a) Matters of accuracy

- i. SRCo-ord was in attendance at Paisley Campus, not Hamilton Campus.

There are no other points of accuracy, minutes approved.

b) Matters arising:

- i. Hamilton Campus Development – central online information
Union Chair explains that there are lots of different places to find information however it was requested for this to be put into one central place, Chair informs members that Paul Martin, UWS Deputy Principal, is the UWS staff lead for the development and has indicated there will be a central point available to both staff and students in due course, we have also been assured that students will receive regular updates on the

development via Moodle, UWS intranet and UWS public website. SAUWS will attempt to bring all the information together and put it in one place on the SAUWS website, please look out for this.

There are no further matters arising.

4. Items of Business

a) Update on SAUWS activities – President

President updates on SAUWS activities to date. States that the Election of the Sabbatical Team for 2016-17 is now complete and the new Sabbatical team is as follows:

- The President of Education is John Black
- The President of Societies & Citizenship is Heather Armstrong
- The President of Sport & Wellbeing is Johnathan Cranstoun
- The President of Student Support is Lisa McCusker

President congratulates Presidents Elect and wishes them well in their roles. The new Presidents will take office from 1st July 2016.

Adds that the election was challenging due to the new roles and we didn't manage to beat our target of votes compared to last year but the overall engagement was very good. President explains that during the Election, ITDS reset student passwords and as such many students were unable to enter the voting pages however we had around 3000 hits to the election pages (non-logged in users). This issue has been raised with the University and procedures will be put in place to ensure it doesn't happen again.

President informs members that SAUWS was represented at the NUS (National Union of Students) Scotland Conference held on 18th and 19th March. The motions which SAUWS submitted were passed by Conference meaning the NUS Scotland Executive will be working on support for Carers, Nursing students and Summer Support next year along with lots of other work.

At NUS Scotland Conference, SAUWS won Higher Education Students' Association of the Year which was a great win; President thanks everyone who's been involved in any way. President also informs Voice that SAUWS won NUS Disabled Students Campaign of the Year for the 'breaking down the wall of stigma' campaign during freshers. This campaign saw students breaking down the wall of stigma brick by brick to reveal a message which read 'At SAUWS, we operate a zero tolerance policy on bullying and harassment. SAUWS aims to cut out the stigma relating to mental health illness and ensure that all students who have mental ill-health feel safe whilst at UWS'. President thanks everyone involved and who took a brick down.

President informs members that the Board of Trustees will be going ahead with a new strategic plan and are currently recruiting an external market research organisation to undertake the market research to inform the strategic plan, this is to ensure we are doing what students want.

SAUWS was present at the NUS Scotland Demo held on Wednesday 23rd March, the demo was to tell MSP's what students want to see them working on if elected, including a right to improved bursary support for College/FE students, all year round support for University/HE students with increased grant support and reduced debt, and finally, better support for students with mental ill health. The day was a great success, SAUWS members spoke with some of the MSP's talking about the student body we have at UWS and what support is needed.

President informs members of a Hustings event being hosted by SAUWS on Tuesday 12th April, there will be free food and you can question the parties represented, email dpew@sauws.org.uk in advance of the event. Full details of the event can be found at: <http://www.sauws.org.uk/ents/event/785/>

Sports President informs members that Team UWS is level on BUCS (British University and College Sports) points this year from last year with a couple of games left to play, we are confident we can get more points and beat last year's points. Adds that Team UWS have been very active this year through the Executive Committee and have more members and volunteers than ever before but we are always looking for more members.

b) Elections

- i. Senior Student Representative (SSR) & Second Court Representative (SCR).

DRO introduces the election of the SSR and SCR, states that each have specific responsibilities in addition to their role remit. The Single Transferable Voting system will be used and members will be invited in due course to vote via the Tablet.

DRO introduces the candidates which are the President Elects and allows 2 minutes speech each. Heather Armstrong goes first, followed by John Black, Johnathan Cranstoun was absent however submitted written statement which was read out, Lisa McCusker did not submit a statement.

Members were invited to vote using the tablets provided by staff. DRO informs members that the result will be disseminated as soon as possible.

5. Any Other Competent Business

- i. Chair allows an emergency motion, detailed below.

Emergency Motion

Title: Continue Summer Safety Net Campaign

Proposed by: Jack Douglas, SAUWS President

Voice Notes

1. One of SAUWS' major campaigns has been to increase the Summer Support that UWS students get.
2. We have recently been informed that one major political party will endorse these asks. In addition to this two other potential Holyrood parties which are close to backing these asks.
3. Recently we have seen politicians side with the recommendations in our report, they have held the Scottish Government to account over the report and it's even been debated in the Scottish Parliament.

Voice Believes:

1. Because political commitment has been made, it is important that the next SAUWS team continues to work on this.

2. We are closer in achieving Increased Summer Support than we ever have before.

Voice Resolves:

1. To continue to treat The Summer Safety Net as one of the SAUWS priority campaigns for the academic year of 2016-17.
2. To make sure that politicians who have committed to our asks and recommendations stay advocates of the campaign and continue to push for it's aims.

Speech for is taken by President: States that following the Summer Support Report, SAUWS should continue to work on the Summer Support Campaign for next academic session. Adds that SAUWS is in a great position to take the work forward and push for change.

Heather Armstrong requests Parts be taken on Voice Resolves 1 - 'To continue to treat The Summer Safety Net as one of the SAUWS priority campaigns for the academic year of 2016-17.'

Speech for removing Parts is taken by Heather Armstrong. States that the Summer Support Campaign was the Presidents Campaign and the Executive Committee should decide their own priority campaigns.

Speech for keeping Parts is taken by President. States that Student Voice should decide if the campaign continues.

Speech for removing Parts is taken by Heather Armstrong. States that this isn't students deciding, this is a Sabbatical who is asking for this as it was a Sabbatical who submitted the motion

Speech for keeping Parts is taken by President. States that the motion was submitted to allow Students Voice to decide not the Sabbaticals.

There are no further rounds of speeches

Chair invites members move to vote. Clarifies that if voting for - this means removing the parts, if voting against - this means keeping the parts.

- For: 2
- Against: 10
- Abstain: 1

The parts stay

There is no speech against the motion as it stands.

Chair moves to vote

For: 10

Against: 1

Abstain: 2

The motion passes

- ii. Heather Armstrong states that the NUS Scotland Liberation and sections Conferences are being held soon, registration closes soon as well, if you'd like to attend please get in touch with SAUWS.
- iii. Jack Douglas reminds members that the nomination period for next year's Executive Committee is now open and encourages students to stand in the Election to represent their campus. Also thanks all members from all Voice meetings for their contribution and encourages them to attend Voice next session.
- iv. Chair informs members of the Accountability Sessions they have been holding, these are recorded and can be found at: <http://www.sauws.org.uk/union/exec/>. If you would like to ask any of the Sabbatical officers a question, please go to: <http://www.sauws.org.uk/union/exec/question/>. Any questions submitted will be asked to the relevant Officer at the next Accountability session.
- v. Chair thanks members for their contribution and informs them that this was the last meeting of Voice for this academic year. Dates for next year's meetings will be published as soon as possible on the SAUWS website

Chair closes the meeting and wishes everyone the best for the future.

Start: 14.15

Finish: 15.20