

MINUTES

Friday 12th March, 12.30pm, A706 (rescheduled from 1st March)

STUDENTS' COUNCIL – Hamilton

In the Chair, Kate Sharkie, Campus President Hamilton

AGENDA

1. Sederunt

Kate Sharkie	Campus President Hamilton (CPH)
Alastair Adamson	Sports President
Dorothy Wotson	Ordinary Trustee Hamilton
Megan Mitchell	Journalism
Thomas Mackintosh	Journalism
Gregor Aikin	Journalism
Calum Bruce	Sports Coaching
Natalie Wells	Adult Nursing
Vhairi Tulley	Law
Connor Smith	Applied Bioscience

In Attendance

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

Garry Quigley	President
Caroline Sharp	General Manager
Carrie-Anne Woods	Accounting
Aidan Rennie-Jones	Journalism
Magdalena Bieniasz	International Financial Management
Geraldine Brown	Applied Bioscience
Emma Stewart	Law
Cameron Mathison	Law

3. Acceptance of Minutes from the previous meeting

(a) Matters arising from those minutes- None

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

CPH explains that parking issues raised are ongoing and we are waiting to hear from the Campus Director Hamilton for further info. Adds that the University are looking at different ways of allocating parking, Calum Bruce asks if someone knows they're not going to be in could they email that their space is free and they won't need it, CPH notes that this can be proposed but not sure how practical this would be. Sports President states that any rule should be the same for students and staff and charging is not appropriate as students can't afford it. CPH notes that there have

been issues with people speeding through the cars parks and there will be speed limit signs going up soon.

CPH informs members that a 'Turnit in User Group' is being set up and any consultations and developments will be discussed with Council as soon as possible.

CPH report accepted

Members read through the Presidents report, CPH notes that there will be discussion on some of the information contained in the report later in the meeting, ask if there are any questions, there are none. Report is accepted.

Sports President gave a verbal report, states that sports and societies are doing well. Adds that organising of the Sports Ball is underway and that this will be held in paisley, adds that this is an opportunity for clubs and societies to be rewarded for their achievements. Report accepted

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

6 Business Introduced by Officer Bearers-

(a) Retaining Scotland's Potential campaign update

CPH explains to members that SAUWS launched the Retaining Scotland's Potential campaign and raised awareness of support services available to students including funding concerns. Notes that the President had submitted recommendations to SAAS on how to avoid such a situation in the future and the President will be going to SAAS HQ in March to see what is being done. There are no questions.

(b) ICT update

CPH informs members that ICT is an ongoing issue, states during last academic session there was an open meeting with ICT however not very many students attend, therefore a member of ICT management will be invited to the next meeting of Council to discuss any issues and asks members to get the views of their class on areas for improvement. Calum Bruce states that he did not know about the last ICT meeting and asks for these things to be better advertised.

(c) Mental Well Being Policy – for approval

CHP informs Council members that this is a new policy in partnership with the UWS and SAUWS. The Sports President adds that he, along with the Welfare Campaigns and Activities Co-ordinator will attend any meetings related to this until the next DPEW is elected.

Connor Smith refers to the second point on section 1 of the policy asking how this will be distributed. Sports President states that the Halls Conveners will be consulted on how best to distribute the information. Connor Smith further asks if there is a way of raising awareness of mental ill health, Sports President informs members that there is mental health first aid training that can address this which student officers and staff can access, also reminds members that the University have Councillors which is a free service provided by Student Services, if students go to see them, they may give out a gym referral pass to help as part of the Health Body Health Mind campaign, this referral however is at their discretion. There are no further questions or comments, CPH invites member to vote on acceptance of the Policy, The policy is unanimously accepted.

(d) SAUWS Elections

CPH reminds Council member that the SAUWS student Elections have started, voting opens on Monday 18th March and closes on Friday 22nd March. States that the elections are to elect the Board of Trustees for Academic Session 2013-14 and encourages students to read candidates manifestos and to vote. Informs members that the username and password for voting have been sent to students email accounts but may be in the Junk/Spam folder so please check this.

(e) Learning and Teaching Awards

CPH informs members that the Learning and Teaching awards are now closed and thanks students for nominating. Informs members that the awards will be held on 18th April at the Paisley Students Union.

(f) SAUWS Student Awards

CPH informs members that for the first time, SAUWS is hosting it's very own Student Awards, this will recognise the work of students who are student reps including both Academic reps and Council reps, it will also reward student volunteers, STAR Groups and campaigning work students have undertaken. Nominations will be open in due course and reps will be informed as soon as possible of this, the nominations will be online with criteria.

7. Motions-

(a) Condemn the action of some at the NUS Demo 21.11.12

CPH informs members that this motion is known as a Resolution which instructs SAUWS to condemn the actions of some individuals for their behaviour at the NUS Demo and for SAUWS trustees, present at the demo, to sign an open letter stating such.

CPH invites questions, Calum Bruce asks if we are sure those who were implicated with the negative action were from NUS as at the last demo it was members of the public. It was confirmed that the members who were implicated were of NUS.

There are no further questions, Council move to vote

Agree: 6

Disagree: 1

Abstain: 0

Resolution passes

(b) Auctions in aid of charity and SAUWS student groups

CPH informs members that as the proposer of the motion are unable to attend the meeting, the *Speech For* will be read on their behalf. SR Co-ord reads 'Eliot Harrison states that the Ceilidh was hosted by the Hockey and Rugby teams, together we decided to have an auction to 'sell' people for an hour of their time, we were asked to call it a 'player' auction and everyone who took part did so willingly. Adds that Children in Need, Cancer Research and the Whitehouse have all used this activity for fundraising.'

Speech against: Calum Bruce states that the wording is not right, you can't go about saying you are going to 'sell' people and therefore wouldn't want to support the motion

Speech For: Connor Smith states that this is a good way to raise money, however agrees that the wording could be better. States that it is for a good cause and if it's being done by popular charities then there shouldn't be a problem.

Speech against not taken

Council move to vote

*For: Unanimous
Motion passes*

(c) Sports President title renamed to Activities President

i. Amendments x3

CPH informs members that as the proposer of the motion are unable to attend the meeting, the *Speech For* will be read on their behalf. SR Co-ord reads 'Cameron Stewart states that this is an important motion, the Sports President title suggests that it only covers sports and not societies, the societies feel perhaps there is not support for them. Activities will better represent what is actually done allowing sports and societies to feel they have equal say and support.'

CPH invites questions, there are none

- **Council move to Amendment 1**

CPH informs members that as the proposer of this amendment are unable to attend the meeting, the *Speech For* will be read on their behalf. SR Co-ord reads 'Cameron Stewart states that there is an error in the original motion it would not be possible to have the change in time for the next election, this amendment asks for the change from the earliest point possible.'

Speech against is not taken

Council move to vote

*For: 6
Against: 0
Abstain: 1
Amendment passes*

- **Council move to Amendment 2**

SR Co-ord informs members that as the proposer of this amendment are unable to attend the meeting, the *Speech For* will be read on their behalf. SR Co-ord reads 'Jack Douglas states that this is good motion but activities is too vague as it can include Transition UWS, STAR Groups, welfare, campaigns and more, there will be too many questions about what the remit is. At other unions there are Sabbs called Societies President and only deal with societies. We also need to communicate the position better therefore Sports and Societies President is the most appropriate title to use.

Speech against not taken

Council move to vote

For: 6

*Against: 0
Abstain: 1
Amendment passes*

- **Council move to Amendment 3**

Speech For: Sports President states that this amendment is similar to amendment 2, however as the Sabbatical officer in this role currently he know more about the role and its remit, added a few more details which makes it clearer what the role is.

Speech against not taken

Council move to vote

*For: unanimous
Amendment passes*

Council move to speech against on main motion as amended

Speech against not taken.

Connor Smith asks if the Sports President prefer to be called Activities President or Sports and Societies, Sports President responds that he would prefer Sports and Societies over Activities

Council move to vote

*For: unanimous
Motion passes with amendments*

Natalie Wells left the room 1.20pm

(d) Trident

(e) Worker's Rights Consortium

CPH informs members that the 'Trident' and 'Workers Rights Consortium' motions have been withdrawn by the proposers of the motions and will be submitted at a later date.

8. Elections-

(a) Disciplinary Committee

Depute chair: Proposed Connor Smith, seconded Calum Bruce

Ordinary Member: none taken

(b) Elections Committee

None taken

Unfilled disciplinary committee and election committee positions will be taken to the next meeting of Council.

9. AOCB-

Members raise concerns about the lack of attendance of students, in particular student reps, at Council meetings, SR Co-ord states that all reps are invited to attend but due to the time Council is held, many students will be in class, adds that we will better advertise Council meetings and with

the constitutional review will look at other ways that Council could be held. Members also raise concern about not knowing who their course rep is, SR Co-ord explains that they should contact them on src@sauws.org.uk or speak to their Programme Leader to find out who it is.

Calum Bruce states that he wanted to raise some issues at his programme SSLG but was told it is not a moaning shop, SR Co-ord agrees that it is not a moaning shop but that legitimate issues should be raised. Calum Bruce states that he is studying Sports Coaching and is not what some of the students thought it would be, suggests there should be more practical experience, however adds that the programmes is not quite what they thought it would be generally, Dot Watson comments that the Law programme has changed its programme but the prospectus has not changed and therefore students are not quite getting what they think they are. SR Co-ord explains that these are both legitimate issues to raise at SSLG's, however they should be put to the meeting in a professional and balanced way. Informs members that if any assistance is required on how to present such issues or indeed any issues at SSLG's please get in touch via src@sauws.org.uk and we will provide as much advice and support as possible. The SR Co-ord is also willing to attend any SSLG meeting with or on behalf of student reps to ensure issues are raised and reps are supported.

Start: 12.35pm

Finish: 2.00pm