

## **MINUTES**

### **STUDENTS' COUNCIL (SRC) HAMILTON**

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2013, 12.30pm, room A420

In the Chair, Kate Sharkie, Campus President Hamilton

*Due to the absence of the CPH, Chair is taken by DPEW.*

### **AGENDA**

#### **1. Sederunt**

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| Iain Shepherd     | Depute President Education and Welfare (DPEW) |
| Ryan Wood         | Sports and Societies President                |
| Cameron Mathieson | Ordinary Trustee Hamilton                     |
| Connor Smith      | Ordinary Trustee Hamilton                     |
| Dot Watson        | Ordinary Trustee Hamilton                     |
| Megan Mitchel     | BA Journalism                                 |
| Isla Todd         | BA Journalism                                 |
| Chris Tracey      | BA Law                                        |
| James Adams       | Adult Nursing                                 |
| Connor Fairley    | Computing                                     |

#### **In attendance**

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

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| Kate Sharkie      | Campus President Hamilton (CPH)                |
| Blane Abercrombie | President                                      |
| Kelsey Campbell   | Applied Bioscience with Forensic Investigation |
| Kayley Richardson | Applied Bioscience with Forensic Investigation |
| Natalie Gordon    | BA Law                                         |
| Fraser Shields    | Computing                                      |

#### **3. Acceptance of Minutes from the previous meeting**

(a) Matters arising from those minutes-

Section 6 (b), last sentence should read 'Ordinary Trustees introduce themselves and state they will be working with the CPH in executing the priorities of Hamilton Campus'.

Minutes accepted

#### **4. Acceptance of the report of the business of the Association- Attached**

With CPH submitting apologies due to sickness, DPEW invites members to read through report. DPEW suggests that due to CPH absence any questions from the last couple of months should be emailed via [cph@sauws.org.uk](mailto:cph@sauws.org.uk). CPH report accepted.

With President submitting apologies due to sickness, DPEW invites members to read through report. DPEW suggests that due to Presidents absence any questions from the last couple of months should be emailed via [president@sauws.org.uk](mailto:president@sauws.org.uk). Presidents report accepted.

DPEW Invites members to read through his report and invites questions, there are none. DPEW report accepted.

Sports President invites members to read through report, adds that the Football team have won their league, as did the Hockey team, the Netball team went through to the finals of the cup. Sports President adds that the University have secured £5000 for student athletes and have set aside a large amount of funds to develop facilities at Thornly Park. There are no questions, report accepted.

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

#### **6 Business Introduced by Officer Bearers-**

##### **(a) Graduate Attributes Consultation**

DPEW outlines the consultation and asks for opinion on these also requests that SRCo-ord emails those present with invitation to comment on the Graduate Attributes (GA's) further. Connor Smith suggests that for the proposed set of GA's could leadership/team-leading be added. Sports President asks if the idea of the GA's is that all UWS graduates should be able to do these things, DPEW suggests this is the case, students will learn/develop these skills by building them into the course. Chris Tracey asks how some of these will be policed/managed/monitored for example Global citizenship, ethical and social awareness, personal competencies, as in his course they did a session on social justice, asks if that is what is meant by Global citizenship. Isla Todd agrees with this point. DPEW then asks what members think about the implementation section, is there anything that needs to be done for this. Sports President suggests that the University have struggled to give feedback in the past and is not sure how this can be done, suggests that even with PDP, they only met with their lecturer once about this. Isla Todd suggests that there used to be a PDP section on blackboard but it was self-taught/managed. Dot Watson suggests she did a module on PDP and Sports President suggests it can depend on the course, for sports it's important to sell yourself however for computing students this might be different, Connor Fairly suggests he did PDP in first year which was used to create a CV and build skills to present to employers. Sports President suggests the idea needs to be more fulfilling as he has done the CV thing in school. DPEW asks members if this is a face value concept, a bit 'wishy washy'. Sports President suggests that when he got his transcript through all it has is grades, nothing else about GA's or what individual students have done. Isla Todd also suggests that it may be difficult to prove some of the GA's such as digital literacy and may be a tick box exercise as they haven't used Exel, Connor Fairly agrees adding that there's no real effort to use other devices for example using Exel on a phone. Sports President suggests that UWS graduates may look bad if they said they have GA's which cannot then be verified.

DPEW thanks members for their input reminding them that SRCo-ord will email those present with invitation to comment further on the GA's.

(b) ELIR – Reflective Analysis – Summary

DPEW explains the ELIR (Enhancement Led Institutional Review) process stating that there is a document produced known as a Reflective Analysis (RA) which outlines the University's good and bad points and how things are working. States that the RA has lots of sections and asks members if they would want to feedback on all sections or just certain ones. Sports President suggests we should look at them all, adding that students should have a say in the mission and the enhancement aspects of the University. Believes this is again a tick box exercise however. DPEW asks if members agree that they should look at all sections, members agree.

(c) Brief results from SAUWS Consultation – February meeting

SRCo-ord gives an overview of the results of the initial consultation into officer roles stating that further analysis is needed as students did not particularly like the proposal however did have some very good views as to what we could be doing with officer roles. Adds that once this is done a further consultation will be undertaken, most likely in April. Connor Smith asks if there is a date for the next consultation regarding this, SRCo-ord states there is no date at present.

(d) Sports Union Constitution – Ratification

Sports President outlines what the Sports Union Constitution is, stating that Bylaws 11 and 12 have essentially been merged, the new Constitution aims to give power back to the Sports Union General Council which is the Sports version of the SRC, Sports union also has a separate membership scheme. Sports President invites questions.

Connor Smith questions who sits on the General Council asking if at least one member of each Committee is required to attend, Sports President explains that this is essentially the same as student reps coming to SRC, members of the General Council are there to represent their sports team or society. Adds that from the General Council the Sports Executive Committee is elected, states the only way to be on the Exec is to be part of a club or society. Dot Watson asks what the minimum number of members for clubs or societies is, Sports President states at least 10 paid up members are required before membership to the Sports Union is granted and this is how they then get access to the budget. Isla Todd asks what the repercussions are with those elected in and don't do their job, SP explains that where it is not stated we would fall to the SAUWS constitution. Connor Smith asks what Blues and Colours are, Sports President explains that these are awards devised by Oxford and Cambridge and have rolled out nationally, Blues relate to individual students based on criteria of contribution, Half Blue is meeting two or more criteria, colours are for national participation, adds that there are also other awards given out at the Sports Ball. Member asks how the Sports Union is funded, Sports President states that funding would still come from the SAUWS block grant but he would like to have a separate sports fund in reserve for development opportunities.

DPEW asks members to ratify the constitution, ratification accepted.

**7. Motions-**

- (a) Their jobs; Our education
- (b) Defend the right of students officers to support strike action

As the president is absent, members request motions (a) and (b) are left on the table until the next meeting. This is agreed.

(c) Strike Action from UCU

DPEW passes Chair Sports President.

Speech for is taken by DPEW: States that this motion has been submitted to council due to students raising concern about the planned strike, although DPEW doesn't think that the Universities and Colleges Union (UCU) would not mark papers, this motion is just in case the action is taken. Adds that the Students Union does support strike action generally however not this method of strike action.

DPEW invites questions.

Members ask if there is there anything we can do about it, DPEW suggests that by passing the motion it will enable the student officers to campaign against it and allows for discussions with unions. Members ask if the University can give the lecturers more money, DPEW suggests that it's not possible as rates are set from national negotiations and is general across the board, adds that the starting band is around £37,000. Cammie Mathison states that a Module Co-ordinators could start on around £40,000 with Programme Leaders receiving a lot more. Connor Smith asks if there are specific lecturers or subjects who are supporting this, DPEW doesn't know. Cammie Mathison suggests there are lots of lecturers who support this. Members enquire about how damaging this particular action would be, would students have to resit, DPEW suggests not however it could lead to postponement of graduation or progression to the next year of study. Members also ask what the impact is of passing this with the other strike motions, DPEW suggests there is no real cross over as this motion is suggesting that we support strike action just not this method of strike action. Isla Todd suggests that there is a contradiction between the motions and asks if it would be better to leave this motion on the table until the others are heard, DPEW suggests this shouldn't be left as officers may need to act quickly. Sports President agrees. DPEW states that the motion is really just looking for options should this particular strike action take place.

There is no speech against.

Council move to vote

*For: Unanimous  
The motion passes*

Sports President hands Chair back to DPEW.

(d) No More Page 3 at SAUWS

DPEW outlines that this motion really only affects Hamilton Campus.

Speech for is taken by Megan Mitchell. States that this is a national campaign to remove page 3 from the Sun and other newspapers but also to remove newspapers with page 3 from other education institutions, we are in 2014 and don't really know why there should be naked pictures in papers.

DPEW invites questions.

DPEW passes Chair to Sports President.

There is no formal speech against however Council discuss the motion.

Dot Watson supports the point of the motion but when speaking to the Union Manager there is a thought that this could potentially reduce sales in the shop as currently students buy the paper but may also buy something else. DPEW suggests there are two ways of thinking about this, women have the right to be on page 3, however are they being objectified by doing so. Connor Smith states that this may be a way of revenue for women who are willing, if we remove this we must remove anything which objectifies either sex. DPEW suggests it will set a precedent. Member states that they don't think there's anything wrong with women taking part, but it's page 3 of a national newspaper, there's no place for it in our unions, also that it could be seen as hindering free speech. Isla Todd is a journalism student, suggests it does sell the newspaper however hasn't seen guys looking around it, states that she has asked guys why they read it, suggests that page 3 wasn't the reason. Member states that safe space takes part in the union not the uni, if we ban it in the Union, it won't stop people taking it into Uni. DPEW suggests it's up to people whether they buy or are in the Sun, to go outright and ban it we are saying that people can't make their own choices. There needs to be better communication with information on why we are putting forward these issues so that students can make their own decisions

Council move to vote,

*For: 1*

*Against: 7*

*Abstain: 1*

*The motion passes*

Sports President returns Chair to DPEW

(e) 21st Century Quorums

This motion is left on the table as the proposer is not present.

The following motions have been submitted to NUS Scotland Conference

(f) Right to Education – NUS Motion

The motion is not heard as the proposer is not present.

(g) 12 Months SAAS Payments – NUS Motion

DPEW hands Chair to Sports President.

DPEW outlines that the motion is asking for SAAS payments to be over 12 months however based on personal circumstances can have SAAS either through 12 months or 9 months.

DPEW invites questions.

Isla Todd ask how this would work for 4<sup>th</sup> year students as they cease to be a student at the end of May, DPEW suggests this is a good point and will raise it with NUS. Connor Smith believes this would be a good idea with finances generally, would help students in budgeting. Cammie Mathison suggests that the purpose of SAAS is to balance out the potential loss of work while

studying. Sports President suggests it can be difficult to get a job through the summer. Isla Todd suggests that having the option between 9 and 12 months is good for those with accommodation needs, would be good in terms of paying rent. Dot Watson suggests she has been approached by some students in Halls who would prefer that the rent is taken off before the money gets to them, Sports President suggests this would require better links between the Uni and SAAS, but this won't enable students to learn money management. Dot Watson asks what do we currently have to teach students about money management, Sports President suggests there are workshops run by the University in budget management. Isla Todd suggests that part of the point of University is a bridge between working life and school, the University can't take the money but a reminder by the University when SAAS payments are made could encourage them to pay rent as soon as SAAS comes in, some students are still learning to be responsible with money.

There is no speech against.

Council move to vote

*For: Unanimous  
The motion passes*

Cammie Mathieson requests that Motions being submitted to NUS should be submitted to council first. This is agreed by members.

## **8. Elections-**

(a) Disciplinary Committee (2x ordinary members)

Sports President explains the purpose and activities of the Disciplinary Committee. There are no volunteers.

(b) Elections Committee (2x Ordinary Member)

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## **9. AOCB-**

None

*Start: 12.35pm  
Finish: 1.55pm*