

**STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

**SAUWS**

UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST of SCOTLAND  
SCOTTISH CHARITY NUMBER: SC005410

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees held on Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> July 2013 in the Boardroom, Paisley Students' Union commencing at 11.30am.

Blane Abercrombie, President, in the Chair  
Meeting Commenced 11.30am

**Sederunt**

Blane Abercrombie	President (Pres)
Iain Shepherd	Depute President Education & Welfare (DPEW)
Ryan Wood	Sports President (SP)
Kate Shearer	Campus President Hamilton (CPH)
Cal Reid	Campus President Ayr (CPA)
Stuart McCabe	Ordinary Trustee Paisley (SM)
Heather Armstrong	Ordinary Trustee Paisley (HA)
Cameron Stewart	Ordinary Trustee Paisley (CS)
Cameron Mathieson	Ordinary Trustee Hamilton (CM)
Dorothy Watson	Ordinary Trustee Hamilton (DW)
Connor Smith	Ordinary Trustee Hamilton (Con S)
Pearl Willis	Ordinary Trustee Ayr (PW)

**In Attendance**

Caroline Sharp	General Manager/Returning Officer (GM/RO)
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**Apologies for absence** – none.

Cameron Mathieson, Ordinary Trustee Hamilton, absent without apology.

The Chair noted the resignation of Niall McGeachy as Ordinary Trustee Ayr.

**1. Minutes of previous meeting.**

**a. Acceptance**

Minutes from the previous meeting (20130621) were agreed as an accurate record.

**b. Matters Arising – none.**

**2. Reports of the Office Bearers. Chair reminded the members of the requirement to submit reports in writing in advance of the meeting.**

**a. Acceptance –**

- i. President – written report. No questions. Report accepted.
- ii. DPEW – written report. No questions. Report accepted.
- iii. SP – written report. No questions. Report accepted.
- iv. CPH – written report. No questions. Report accepted.
- v. CPA – written report. Confirmed that the handover received was fine and used the first week in office to find his way about. Report accepted.
- vi. PW – written report. No questions. Report accepted.
- vii. HW – written report. SP noted that the student who had been referred had not got in touch. This will be followed up outside the meeting. Report accepted.
- viii. DW – written report. Report accepted.
- ix. Con S – written report. Report accepted.

- x. SM – no report submitted. Report not accepted.
- xi. CS – written report submitted on the day. Report accepted.
- xii. CM – no report submitted. Report not accepted.

**b. Sabbatical Holidays**

- i. President – 12<sup>th</sup> Aug to be added to holiday period requested at previous meeting.

**3. Reports from Committees etc. – none.**

**4. Business Introduced by Office Bearers.**

**a. Debt Agreement**

President – outlined the background to this item. Following discussion, the Board agreed that this was a welcome move from the University and would allow the Association to move forward. In favour: 10, against:0, abstention: 1. It was agreed that once we know the financial outturn for this year and the costs of proposed staffing restructure, we will discuss the amount with the University again.

**b. State of Sport Report – For information only**

SP – there was a short discussion on the attached paper.

**c. Accountability Report**

SP – introduced the paper.

DW wants T-shirts etc for trustees. SP cost is a big issue and a bit 5 years ago. Some trustees would pay for their own. CPA noted that the communications for action course stated that social media is the 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest effective form of contact and agreed to send out slides from this event.

**d. Glasgow and West Student Elections Proposal**

GM – introduced the attached paper and asked if this is something which we want to be involved in? If so, who should take it forward? In favour: 0, against: 9, abstention: 2. GM to feedback to David Devlin that we're not interested in participating at this time.

**e. Citizenship**

PW asked the timescale for progressing this post? President advised that after meeting with Uni and everything clarified it will be advertised. President will update after meeting with Uni.

**f. Revenue Raising Ideas – For information only**

Trading Managers – CS requested that the Board commend Michaela for saving us cash on the estates work.

**5. Motions**

**a. Liberation and Accessibility Training**

HW proposed the attached motion.

Chair proposed a vote:

In Favour:9, Against:0, Abstention:1.

**6. Elections**

**a. Honourary Life Membership**

**i. Garry Quigley Dpew**

Proposed by DPEW, Seconded CPH  
Vote unanimously in favour.

**ii. Alastair Adamson**

Proposed by SP, Seconded CPH  
Vote unanimously in favour.

**iii. Ewan McCreath**

Proposed by CPA, Seconded HA  
Vote unanimously in favour.

**iv. Jamie Kinloch**

Proposed by HA, Seconded CS

In favour:5, against: 0, abstentions: 5  
President will contact individuals and arrange to issue memberships.

## **7. AOCB**

### **a. SP – Honorary life membership**

SP would like to give honorary life membership to those awarded blues and colours – the panel would put people forward to BOT for approval each year. In favour: unanimous.

### **b. HA – outgoing sabbs**

HA noted that Ewan McCreath left his post without any sort of goodbye in comparison with other campuses. There was discussion around individual's wishes which had been sought. HA noted that there should be more communication between campuses when these things are being organised.

### **c. SM – Email sent by Board**

PW and Simon re plagiarism - noted the low number of students who had representation at the panel. CS noted that this year's figures showed that this is less of an issue. DPEW highlighted that we might struggle to meet a higher demand in terms of resource capacity. CPH – some students don't want one of us going with them. HW – some people don't realise that this is available. Need to think about how we raise awareness of the availability of representation.

### **d. CS – Autism friendly**

CS suggested that we should push for autism friendly classification. Would like us to be the University or Association to lead the way on this. Con S suggested we should find out the level of demand from amongst our student body. Find out what we can do to help and how to best progress this – President, DW and CS to work on this. It was suggested that we might invite Scottish Autism to freshers' fayres.

### **e. SP – Affiliate member fees for sports union needs to be agreed by the Board (for non students). Fee to be set at £10 for the year. In favour: 7, against:0 , abstentions: 3**

### **f. DPEW – Progress with representatives on committees.**

DPEW updated on who would be sitting where. This will be circulated. HW suggested having substitutes listed also.

## **8. Staffing**

Staffing minutes are recorded separately.

**Date of the next meeting:** a doodle will be sent out to agree the date for the next meeting, commencing at 11.30am.  
Sports President in the Chair.

There was discussion regarding whether the Chair should be a fixed person for the year. 2 were in favour of it staying the same chair, 8 in favour of alternating.

A date was agreed for estimates meeting - 3pm Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August, with GM in the Chair.

**Meeting Closed 3pm**