

University of St Andrews
Students' Association
Students' Representative Council
Student Services Council

AGENDA

Tuesday 25th February 2020 – Large Rehearsal Room – 6:00pm

1. Adoption of the Agenda

2. Apologies for Absence

- 2.1 Edward Spencer
- 2.2 Paul Lancaster
- 2.3 Abd Alsattar Ardati
- 2.4 Dennis Goodtzov
- 2.5 Ben McAuley.

3. Adoption of Minutes from Previous Meetings

- 3.1. Approval of draft minutes of the SRC meeting on the 29th October 2019

4. Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meetings

5. Open Forum

6. Reports of the Sabbatical Officers

- 6.1. Report of the Athletic Union President
- 6.2. Report of the Association President
- 6.3. Report of the Association Director of Events & Services
- 6.4. Report of the Association Director of Student Development & Activities
- 6.5. Report of the Association Director of Education
- 6.6. Report of the Association Director of Wellbeing

7. Questions for Association Committees

- 7.1. Questions for Association Alumni Committee
- 7.2. Questions for Association Community Relations Committee
- 7.3. Questions for Association LGBT+ Committee
- 7.4. Questions for Association Lifelong and Flexible Learners Committee
- 7.5. Questions for Association Environment Committee

8. Questions for SSC Subcommittees

- 8.1. Questions for SSC Broadcasting Committee
- 8.2. Questions for SSC Charities Committee
- 8.3. Questions for SSC Debates Committee
- 8.4. Questions for SSC Performing Arts Committee
- 8.5. Questions for SSC Postgraduate Committee
- 8.6. Questions for SSC Societies Committee
- 8.7. Questions for SSC Music Committee
- 8.8. Questions for SSC Volunteering Committee
- 8.9. Questions for SSC Design Committee
- 8.10. Questions for SSC ENTS Committee

- 8.11. Questions for SSC On The Rocks Committee
- 8.12. Questions for SSC Member without Portfolio

9. Questions for SRC Committees and Officers

- 9.1. Questions for SRC Accommodation Officer
- 9.2. Questions for SRC Member for First Years
- 9.3. Questions for SRC Member for Gender Equality
- 9.4. Questions for SRC Member for Racial Equality
- 9.5. Questions for SRC Member for Students with Disabilities
- 9.6. Questions for SRC Member for Student Health
- 9.7. Questions for SRC Member for Widening Access and Participation
- 9.8. Questions for SRC Arts/Divinity Faculty President
- 9.9. Questions for SRC Science/Medicine Faculty President
- 9.10. Questions for SRC Postgraduate Academic Convener
- 9.11. Questions for SRC Postgraduate Development Convener
- 9.12. Questions for Principal Ambassador
- 9.13. Questions for Rector's Assessor
- 9.14. Questions for SRC Member Without Portfolio

10. New General Joint Business

- 10.1 J. 20-3 Motion to propose the Students' Association adopt the position that ScotGEM students receive the same access to facilities enjoyed by other postgraduates.
- 10.2 J. 20-4 Motion to Redefine Charitable Societies Coordinator

11. New General SSC Business

- 11.1 S. 20-4 Motion to Update the International Debate Competition Trials Agreement for the Union Debating Society (UDS)
- 11.2 S. 20-5 Motion to Formalise Commitments of the Union Debating Society (UDS) Board of Ten to the Competitive Functions of the UDS
- 11.3 S. 20-6 Motion to Change the Role of Access Representative to Widening Representation Officer
- 11.4 S. 20-7 Motion to update Chapter sixteen: SSC Design Team

12. New General SRC Business

- 12.1 R. 20-4 Motion to designate the SRC Member for Student Health as chair of the Wellbeing Subcommittee
- 12.2 J. 20-1 Motion to make Societies Committee executive officers interviewed positions (Already been through the SSC)
- 12.3 J. 20-2 Motion to restructure the Societies Committee (Already been through the SSC)
- 12.4 R 20-5 Motion to Change the Name of the SRC Member for Racial Equality.

13. Any Other Competent Business

14. Collaborative Solutions

- 14.1 Accommodation Survey (see attached proposed questions)
- 14.2 Accommodation Affordability

ASSOCIATION OFFICER REPORTS

Association Alumni Officer – Olivia Wiggins

What have I done since my last report?

Since my last report I hosted our climate event. The event was well attended and the audience raised some great questions. We have also been working on getting speakers for our creative careers collaboration.

What progress has been made on my manifesto? (if applicable)

Alumni and students attended the climate event and many were keen to be kept updated on University events.

What do I hope to achieve by next report?

N/A

Why does what I'm doing matter to students, and how can they get involved?

Like the St Andrews Alumni Committee on Facebook and send me anything you would like shared on the union LinkedIn.

Association Community Relations Officer – Morgan Morris

What have I done since my last report?

Since my last report it has been fairly quiet. I will have my final community council next week, so if you would like me to highlight or ask anything please let me know.

We are still collecting material to spotlight the great work of our student groups in the community. If you would like to be featured, please email me.

I am working with Camilla, Jamie, the accommodation subcommittee on the HMO campaign, which you will hear more about at this meeting.

What progress has been made on my manifesto?

The above was all in my manifesto, and there are a few points that will come in later this semester.

What do I hope to achieve by next report?

By next report I am hoping to have a clear plan of what we are going to do this semester up to and over the election.

Why does what I'm doing matter to students, and how can they get involved?"

This matter because it allows students to feel more integrated into the town and shows them there are things they can get involved with outside gown side of their time in St Andrews. As always any ideas, thoughts, questions please get in touch: comrels@st-andrews.ac.uk.

Association Environment Officer – Lauren Davis

What have I done since my last report?

I have been working on some events ideas. Coming soon is Academic Book Week by Blackwells! This year's theme is the Environment!! We are in the process of finalising details for two or three events and you'll see some advertisements coming soon! Next up is the

What progress has been made on my manifesto? (if applicable)

I have made progress on incorporating more wellbeing and wider academic events this year! Coming later this semester is a collaboration with the wellbeing subcommittee on a sustainability focused event! Moreover, the new Sustainability Reps for school departments are in the process of surveying and making changes in coordination with the Environment Team and Heads of School. Finally, the new Environmental Sustainability Board is in the process of recruiting staff and students and the group should be picked by the end of next week, so I am thrilled to see what they accomplish for the university over the next few years!

Why does what I'm doing matter to students, and how can they get involved?

Students should attend wellbeing events coming later this semester and get involved with academic book week events! Additionally, we are always looking for more events and opportunities, so if anyone has ideas, please come to our Monday evening meetings!

Association LGBT+ Officer – Parker Hansen

No report submitted.

Association Lifers Officer – Sandra Mitchell

No report submitted.

SRC REPORTS

SRC Accommodation Officer

Position currently not filled.

SRC Member for First Year – Polina Sevastyanovaps

No report submitted.

SRC Member for Gender Equality – Leonor Capelier

My report is as follows! Thank you for all the amazing hard work you've put in as ComRels as well as acting as the best Chair we could've asked for. You're endless enthusiasm and determination consistently inspires me (and I hope you had the most fantastic birthday!)

What have I done since my last report?

Helped plan an inter-societal collaboration event for International Women's Day. The event will be a relaxed craft session where students can design their own tote bags for a set price for charity. We will be screening some documentaries and hoping to have some live music too! Money raised will go towards Coppa-Feel and FRASAC.

Joined a national committee of students for Not On My Campus to discuss the changes needed to be made to protect survivors of assault and to prevent sexual violence on a national and university-wide level. Although there are many positive policies in St Andrews, hopefully this will encourage more change in other universities!

Coordinated a photographic campaign as part of a national week of advocacy titled 'Students Against Sexual Violence'. This was spread across multiple societies and featured many council officers too who took a stand against sexual violence.

What progress has been made on my manifesto? (if applicable)

Worked to improve support facilities for sexual and gender-based violence. Organised events by liaising between societies to reach a larger audience and to spread awareness of ongoing gender injustices on a larger platform.

What do I hope to achieve by next report?

This will be my final report but I hope the IWD event will be a success and that money will be raised for great charities!

I would also like to set-up the panel discussion on media representations on SGBV hopefully for Sexual Assault Awareness Month - I will do this in collaboration with Got Consent.

Why does what I'm doing matter to students, and how can they get involved?

Working for the safeguarding of sexual assault survivors by standing in solidarity and ensuring sufficient support: nationally and at St Andrews.

Students are now made aware of important events through the increased collaboration of societies.

SRC Member for Racial Equality – Zoe Nengite

What have I done since my last report?

My biggest achievement recently and probably the thing I'm most proud of since Multicultural Week is that my recruitment initiative has been approved by the Admissions Team. This will be an added ambassador stream, 'Outreach Ambassador' which will involve students going back to their school to promote the University. It will give schools a direct line of communication to the University and should help to increase the diversity of applications through the power of students personal journeys.

What progress has been made on my manifesto? (if applicable)

I have completed a majority of my manifesto, namely Multicultural Week and trying to increase the diversity in St Andrews through the 'Outreach Ambassador' scheme.

What do I hope to achieve by next report?

I will prepare a detailed handover for my successor and some advice on how to organise Multicultural Week.

Why does what I'm doing matter to students, and how can they get involved?

I believe what I've done has helped students and hopefully the outreach programme will help students in the future when I've graduated (sad).

SRC Member for Students with Disabilities – Emily Muller

What have I done since my last report?

I have been working on a handover document in order to assure that my successor is well prepared for this job when they take over! I have also been assisting the Physics Disabilities Officer with an awareness campaign.

What progress has been made on my manifesto? (if applicable)

Nothing much in the last week, but I am proud of the progress made this year towards a more inclusive, accessible community.

What do I hope to achieve by next report?

Regretfully, this is my last ever report.

Why does what I'm doing matter to students, and how can they get involved?

Thank you for two incredible years. It has been such an honour to serve in this position. I will cherish the memories I made in the Students' Association forever. If you would like to raise any last concerns, please email me at egm21. Over and out!

SRC Member for Widening Access and Participation – Britt Mcardle

No report submitted.

SRC Member for Student Health – Emma Walsh

What have I done since my last report?

Foremost, I have created a motion which sets the SRC Member for Student Health as the chair of the Wellbeing Subcommittee. I have been in correspondence with the Accommodation Subcommittee to discuss how wellbeing can be brought outside of halls, making it more accessible for those who aren't first years. I have also been in contact with the Union marketing office to update the Help Hub on the website, which is due to be completed soon.

What progress has been made on my manifesto? (if applicable)

My manifesto centered around making wellbeing services more accessible and better publicized. My latest work with accommodation and the Union website reflects this well, as both those things work to make students better aware of options they have regarding health.

What do I hope to achieve by next report?

By the next report I hope to have completed my handover document, finished the disabilities page on the Union website, and solidified some plans with the Accommodation Subcommittee to expand wellbeing into non-university housing.

Why does what I'm doing matter to students, and how can they get involved?

Wellbeing affects everybody, so therefore it is a holistic issue amongst the student body. If anyone wants to be involved, they are always free to contact me about any issue regarding student health, or to come to our Wellbeing Subcommittee meetings.

Arts/Divinity Faculty President – Sophia Rommel

What have I done since my last report?

Since my last report, a lot has been going on, so I will just outline the main things I have been working on recently. First, I have been holding my weekly office hours as usual, which have been exceptionally busy as a lot of School Presidents have come to talk about their workload, their projects, and their wellbeing. Therefore, my office hours are now 2 hours long, instead of the semester's 1 hour slot. I have gained the impression that a lot of School Presidents are incredibly stressed at the moment, so I have been trying my best to support them, work with them on several projects, and give general advice (including reminding them that, first and foremost, they are students here to do their degrees!). Second, I finalised the new role description documents for the School President and Faculty President roles, which I have now sent to Amy. The draft versions were approved and I hope that these final documents can be uploaded and shared now, just in time for elections. These

documents accurately represent the role-holders' views about the role and aim to give a more honest and transparent picture of the role. The documents had not been updated since 2016/17, so I made it my priority to update these, especially in light of the School President feedback we have received during the academic year regarding their role, its remit, and its expected time commitment. Altogether, I have worked for about 8 hours on these documents this week, writing, editing, and liaising with Amy (and Iain) to check a few details. Third, I have been supporting the Graduate School President (Eva) with some staff changes going on in her School. In particular, there is a problematic lack of communication between the School's staff and students, which Eva and I have been working to reduce. She is doing a fantastic job. Fourth, I have been chairing every EduComm since the Semester's start, including creating the Agenda for each meeting. This week, we had no EduComm, but I sent out a call for reports for next week's EduComm and am thus collating all the reports. Relatedly, I have constantly been updating the EduComm Facebook group with relevant information for the School Presidents and Convenors. Fifth, I have been working on improving William & Mary students' reintegration, alongside four School Presidents, some William & Mary reps (including the exec. rep), and the new Pro-Dean Curriculum for Arts and Divinity (Dr Jones). The William & Mary reps have done a fantastic job on this matter, as they produced a comprehensive report full of student feedback, which I have now sent to Dr Jones. I am regularly meeting with and facilitating communication between School Presidents, reps, and Dr Jones, and I think a lot of great mechanisms/improvements will be put in place soon to support the W&M students, particularly as this was already on Dr Jones' agenda. Sixth, I have been writing and responding to emails, including answering School Presidents' diverse questions and queries. Unlike last semester, far more School Presidents (both Arts/Div and Sci/Med) have been contacting me with questions, which has been lovely because I enjoy helping them out to the best of my abilities and watching their exciting projects develop. Seventh, I have been working closely with Amy on supporting the School Presidents' wellbeing and workload, as noted above, and will meet with Amy next Thursday after EduComm to discuss our plans for this semester further. I have also had 2 EDF requests approved by Amy for two events I am co-organising: the first ever St Andrews Undergrad Philosophy Conference (alongside PhilSoc, whose Sub-Committee are the main organisers of this event) and the Intersectional IR Conference (created by the Feminist Society and supported by School of IR). These conferences complement my manifesto's (and personal) E&D focus, as they are premised upon inclusivity, UG and PG engagement, disciplinary diversity, gender and racial equality, and promoting new opportunities for academic engagement outside the classroom for keen undergrad student-speakers. Eighth, I attended the Elections Mixer for an hour and have met with several people interested in running for my position in the upcoming Elections. As I was Philosophy School President last year, I have also met with a potential candidate for this role, as she wanted to know more about the role from me. Ninth, and lastly, Dennis, Amy, and I have planned some meetings regarding the Teaching Awards shortlisting, and Dennis and I will attend the first Race Equality Working Group meeting soon, which I look forward to.

What progress has been made on my manifesto? (if applicable)

As usual, all I do (please see the above section) pretty much aligns with my manifesto, as my main aims are to respond to the students' voices, mediate between staff and students within the Faculty, work on ED&I within Schools, the Faculty, and the University at large, support Amy with her role as DoEd, support and (now) line-manage the School Presidents, and work closely with Dennis on pertinent education- and wellbeing-related matters. It has been an absolute joy to work with so many engaged and passionate people; this role has been incredibly fulfilling and I hope I have been able to facilitate concrete, positive changes through it.

What do I hope to achieve by next report?

I hope to have continually supported all School Presidents and the Director of Education with their projects. Moreover, I hope to have attended the Race Equality Working Group's first meeting, as well as have created the Agenda for and chaired the next EduComm. Lastly, I hope to continue working on the projects I have outlined above (e.g. W&M (re-)integration, School President wellbeing and support, upcoming conferences) and to have checked in with the ID class reps. Further, I hope the new role descriptions will have been uploaded to the Union page and shared by all School Presidents, so as to encourage students to run for their positions. Once elections are over, I also hope to have met with my successor, created a handover document for them, and helped support and facilitate their role transition - exciting!

Why does what I'm doing matter to students, and how can they get involved?

Everything Amy, Dennis, and I do pertains to education, which is a crucial cornerstone of all students' University experiences. If anyone is interested in any of the above projects and events I have mentioned, is interested in creating a new project alongside me, or is interested in having a general chat about all things education, please contact me at artdivfp@ or come find me in Pret on Thursdays from 4-6pm.

Science/Medicine Faculty President - Dennis Goodtzov

No report submitted.

SRC Postgraduate Academic Convener – Abd Alsattar Ardati

What have I done since my last report?

- I have met and discussed with the director of education my new role as the Postgraduate Academic Convenor.
- I have met the Provost and presented my plan for this role. She has also discussed with me the Graduate School's strategy and expectations.
- I have discussed with the Postgraduate Research Committee the need to enhance the postgraduates' pre-arrival experience by offering more

- opportunities for engagement and academic development.
- International women's day is coming soon! Are you interested in learning a new skill by an accredited Wikimedia UK trainer and supporting the underrepresented St Andrew's women at the same time?! I will be conducting a series of five Wikipedia editing events starting from the second of March, where I will provide free training on Wikipedia editing and the available tools. I will be inviting participants to these events – three per event – to add and edit Wikipedia articles about notable women alumni of the University of St Andrews, such as [Agnes Forbes Blackadder](#) article, which we wrote in our last pilot event. If anyone is interested, please contact me (pgconvenor@), and I will send you further information!
- o If you are a group of three people and you know an academic female who meets [Wikipedia Academic Notability](#) criteria, I would love to train you to collaborate on writing a good article about her. No matter if she is a living person or not.

What progress has been made on my manifesto? (if applicable)
What do I hope to achieve by next report?

- I will be researching the existing postgraduates' pre-arrival events and opportunities to assess the situation.

Why does what I'm doing matter to students, and how can they get involved

- This will provide the postgraduate students with a better transit experience from their previous academic environments to St Andrew's.

SRC Postgraduate Development Convener – Ana Neferu

What have I done since my last report?

I had a very helpful discussion with the School of Chemistry about a Wellbeing event. It will definitely happen now, most likely towards the end of the semester. The School of Physics has independently contacted me that after the success of last semester's event, they are interested in doing another similar event this semester.

I spoke at the PGR Induction. One of the things that came out is that distance learning postgrads have a hard time feeling part of the St. Andrews community.

The next PG Development Meeting is happening the day of this council.

What progress has been made on my manifesto?
 See above about wellbeing.

What do I hope to achieve by next report?
 Hopefully start the handover process with my successor.

Why does what i'm doing matter to students, and how can they get involved?
Same reply as always: all I am doing boils down to improving the postgraduate student experience. They can get involved by continuing to share their needs with me and giving me feedback on how effectively I am working to address them.

Principal Ambassador – Ben McAuley

What have I done since my last report?

1. Completed ambassador training for new recruits
2. Assisted with the appointment of our Principal Team 2020/21.
Congratulations to the new team:
 - Principal Ambassador – Kate MacLachlan
 - VP for Marketing and Student Experience – Euan Gregory
 - VP for Halls and Subject Applicant Days – Ella Akroyd
 - VP for Admissions Tours – Jacqui Gibson
 - VP for Visitor Experience and Training – Alyson Kierans
 - VP for Access and Widening Participation (Events) – Jack Campbell
 - VP for Access and Widening Participation (Shadowing and Mentoring) – Megan Dunstan
3. Planned out the handover process for the new team. They will start on 1st June.
4. Met with Ellen Fenton from the Wardlaw Museum to plan out collaborations with the museum on Offer Holder Day.

What do I hope to achieve by next report?

A few members of the PT will be attending UK Recruitment Events across England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Our External Events Team will continue visiting schools in Scotland
WP projects are running every week, and applications to work on Summer Schools will be opening soon. Get in touch with Lauren via wapamb@ for all things Widening Access!

Why does what I'm doing matter to students, and how can they get involved?

Applications for the Ambassador Scheme will reopen in September 2020!

Rector's Assessor – Camilla Duke

What have I done since my last report?

Since my last report, I have finalized the Rector's Fund application for 2020 and the application went live on Friday. I have also launched a consultation on strike action, which was sent out to all students on Monday. We did this in 2018 during that period of strike action, and received almost 1,200 responses. We're hoping this survey will gain even more traction and help inform the responses of the involved bodies. I've also continued to work with Jamie on accommodation business,

including the survey, ongoing discussions with the Principal's Office and RBS about affordability, and dialogue with Fife Council and the community council on HMOs. Additionally, I have made steps toward selecting an interim Rector's Assessor for June-December 2020 (the remainder of Srdja's term after I graduate). I have also been working with Flora in my role as Deputy Senior Elections Officer (Administration) to prepare for the start of elections season!

What do I hope to achieve by next report?

By my next report, many of you will be gone (sad) and I will still be here (councils can't get rid of me). We will have hopefully conducted another successful round of Students' Association elections and welcomed our new councillors for 2020-2021. By then, I will have selected candidates to interview for the Rector's Fund and hopefully gathered lots of useful data on the student experience during industrial action. I also hope to have made progress with Jamie, Morgan, and the other people involved in accommodation issues on affordability and HMOs.

Why does what I'm doing matter to students, and how can they get involved?

As usual, my job is all about using my position to advocate for students, and we are continuing to push for students' voices to be heard in areas like affordability, widening access, inclusion, and the student experience. Students can get involved by sharing and responding to our consultation on industrial action. Encourage people to apply for the Rector's Fund if they are pursuing a summer internship related to making positive social change. Nudge your friends to run for a Students' Association or School President position in elections.

SRC Member Without Portfolio – Rowan Wishart

Gavin and I are working on end of year social for this years' council. Nothing much to report on the Twitter front, but some good engagement on the Facebook page!

SSC REPORTS

SSC Broadcasting Officer- Tom Groves

What have I done since my last report?

Since the last report, we have filmed the first short advert with Gorilla Joe, hosted an event in Bell Pettigrew, hosted another Sounds of Sandy's event, interviewed the organisers of Catwalk, moved listener data to Google Analytics, sorted pre-orders of new merch, and hosted a panel event with Tay FM and Bauer Academy. One of STAR's shows, Fully Stocked, interviewed one of Jannettas' owners, and another,

Eco-Activist Journeys, interviewed the co-chair of Greenpeace Canada. We also hosted STAR's first ever 24-hour broadcast, as part of RAG Week.

What progress has been made on my manifesto?

Manifesto is 67% complete. You can track progress at bit.ly/starfesto.

What do I hope to achieve by next report?

We are focusing on repairing minor things in the studio, putting event posters in halls, and updating the older studio computers to Windows 10.

Why does what I'm doing matter to students, and how can they get involved?

These updates increase STAR's brand awareness, build the sense of community within the station, and improve the way in which students can host radio shows. You can get involved by applying for a show, writing an article for The Record, reviewing an artist for Hearing Aid, making videos for starTV, or designing graphics for any of the above. See standrewsradio.com/fag for more info.

SSC Charities Officer – Frankie Borderie

What have I done since my last report?

EASYFUNDRAISING. My charitable baby at the moment is a website called easyfundraising which basically lets people donate to our three nominated charities for free by doing their normal online shopping through them (at over £4,000 different retailers such as dominos pizza, asos, boohoo, nike, papa john's, Moonpig, trainline, sky scanner, easy jet etc.) It's an amazing way for us to raise more money and it doesn't even involve people spending any of their own money. We are also currently in the middle of RAG Week, so I have been helping with the planning and running of that. CATWALK is coming up (next week!) so extra planning and help there too. Continued day to day running of Campaign, including suggestions of new smaller events.

What progress has been made on my manifesto? (if applicable)

Improve awareness of the 3 charities - The Yard Fife, CALM, Women for Women - Charity speaker event was well attended by our subcommittees. CATWALK goodie bags will include leaflets about the charities. I am still planning an awareness marketing campaign and am coordinating with the Design Team to get posters done. We are publicising relevant information about our charities through our social media and emails. I have made sure the charities are included where possible when listening to committee plans for events.

Increase number of students who nominate charities - Spoken to Flora to get charity elections to happen at same time as student elections. Will be working on a marketing campaign for this, this semester. Will use a google form to make it easier for people to nominate a charity. Our website now makes the nomination process clearer with a quick link to the form submission.

Increase opportunities for students to get involved in charitable giving - I have been heavily promoting my office hours on Tuesdays 3-5pm in Main Bar as a way for individuals to get started in charitable giving and have scheduled posts weekly to continue raising awareness of these, as well as on the screens in the library and soon posters in the Union. Easyfundraising will make it easier for students to give to charity without additional effort or money! I am continuing to look into other ways I can raise awareness of this, including a review of the Charitable Socs role and marketing campaigns about every day easy ways to fundraise.

If you've made progress, great, if you haven't, explain why and what you're doing instead.

What do I hope to achieve by next report?
Successful handover with successor!

Why does what I'm doing matter to students, and how can they get involved?
I am here to support individual students, groups, sports clubs and societies raise money for the causes they care about. We raise over £100,000 every year for over 40 different charities that students choose, including our 3 nominated charities and I would love to increase this amount and reach out to anyone who has ever wanted to donate or fundraise for charity in some way, so that everyone's ideas are able to happen, and the causes students care about continue to be represented. Students can get involved in a number of ways: FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO BE INVOLVED EVERY SO OFTEN, Sign-up to be a volunteer for one-off events (such as cloakrooms, bake sales, box office etc.); FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO BE INVOLVED WITHIN A GIVEN TIMEFRAME, apply to be a dresser for CATWALK, applications open now; FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO PUT ON AN EVENT, Email us to find out how our events team can help you put on an event or collaborate with your society/sports club/student group; FOR THOSE WHO DON'T KNOW WHERE TO BEGIN, Come and chat to us in our office hours 3-5pm on Tuesdays; FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO SHOW THEIR SUPPORT attend our events, donate to our hitchhike, donate money to our collection tins in the Union!

SSC Debates Officer- Toni Valencia

What have I done since my last report?

The UDS has been working on securing speakers for our panel discussions and public debates for Semester 2. We're currently preparing for the European University Debating Championships team trials and for the St. Andrews Open 2020 in April. I've schedule for our novice workshops, internal competitions and training

sessions to run smoothly this semester. Working closely with the UDS Board of Ten, I've been ensuring the smooth running of the society and increasing our engagement with all of the student body.

What progress has been made on my manifesto? (if applicable)

I continue to ensure that the promises I made on my manifesto are fulfilled. Our public debates lined up for this semester have really great guest speakers lined up coming from a wide diversity of backgrounds to ensure a holistic approach to each debate. We've seen some good engagement with these events and thought-provoking insights from our panelists. Some include a very successful public debate on "This House Supports the Right to Die". Overall, I have completed everything on my manifesto. I will ensure that in the coming weeks to continue to keep my promises listed in my manifesto.

What do I hope to achieve by next report?

As this is the last report, I hope to ensure that the transition period is as smooth as possible by preparing all the documents and noting down all the advice I have for my successor. I will also ensure that the society runs smoothly and to maintain my promises on the manifesto.

Why does what I'm doing matter to students, and how can they get involved?

The UDS welcomes every single student of the University regardless of their experience with debating! We would love to have you at our weekly training sessions on Wednesdays at 2pm in the Large Rehearsal Room of the Union! You can also join our public debates and panel discussions which we have every week to meet our guest speakers share their thoughts on a debate or panel discussion topic. Make sure to keep up with our events by liking our Facebook page and joining our Facebook groups. Hope to see you there!

SSC Performing Arts Officer- Manaal Mahjoub

What have I done since my last report?

I have started planning for the handover period and have implemented a system to continuously keep the Barron clean and tidy.

What progress has been made on my manifesto? (if applicable)

We have begun illuminating paper agendas at our meetings by projecting the agenda instead of printing out a copy for everyone. This ties in with my manifesto point about sustainability.

Why does what I'm doing matter to students, and how can they get involved?

Being involved behind the scenes in performing arts here in St Andrews develops many skills that a lecture can't offer such as event planning, health and safety, teamwork and a myriad of others. To get involved, head to our website to sign up for our shadowing scheme.

SSC Postgraduate Officer – Blake Purchase

What have I done since my last report?

Reached out to the conferences team and confirmed a date for the St Leonard's College Postgraduate Dinner, April 16th.

What progress has been made on my manifesto? (if applicable)

N/A

What do I hope to achieve by next report?

Get the event page up and tickets for sale

Why does what I'm doing matter to students, and how can they get involved?

Consolidating the sense of community and tradition felt by postgraduates in the town.

SSC Societies Officer - Markus Lee

What have I done since my last report?

A number of society procedures have been reviewed and will be clarified in official documents. Health and safety trainings are getting a big overhaul in order to improve risk assessment quality. Society awards are also undergoing a large revamp to encourage more society activities and encourage participation. I am also adding a new award for individual contribution within societies.

Finally, I have been elected as the Deputy Senior Elections Officer (Volunteer), working with the Director of Wellbeing to organise the volunteer schedule for elections.

What do I hope to achieve by next report?

Unfortunately this will be the last council I attend before elections. I have handover documents and procedures ready and I wish the next Societies Officer all the best in the position.

Why does what I'm doing matter to students, and how can they get involved?

Societies Committee is the overarching committee for all societies, and most students at the university engage with many societies during their university life. If anyone is interested in starting a society, improving a society or anything related to society events, they can reach me at socs@st-andrews.ac.uk.

SSC Student Music Officer

Position currently not filled.

SSC Volunteering Officer – Lisa Husby

What have I done since my last report?

Started preparing the handover for the person taking over the role in a couple of weeks. We have had more people getting involved recently and have a couple of new projects starting up. Also, one of our committee members have been selected to do a TEDx about the importance of volunteering and her own personal story about volunteering in St Andrews.

What progress has been made on my manifesto? (if applicable)

N/A

What do I hope to achieve by next report?

We are opening applications for some of our projects so hopefully by next report I will have more people volunteering. I also want to have one social event in addition to getting the new website up and running.

Why does what I'm doing matter to students, and how can they get involved?

It matters because it gives them the opportunity to do something for others and give back to the community. They can get involved by e-mailing us at svs@st-andrews.ac.uk or contact us on Facebook.

SSC Design Team Convener – Edward Spencer

What have I done since my last report?

- We have added 2 new people to the committee
- Worked with the team on writing an update to our constitution for a new team structure taking into account our recent growth
- Held planning meetings with key people for this semester

What progress has been made on my manifesto? (if applicable)

- not applicable

What do I hope to achieve by next report?

- By the next report, we hope to have started planning our collaboration with CAPOD
- By the next report, we also will have cleared a number of projects

Why does what I'm doing matter to students, and how can they get involved?

We complete Graphic Design and Illustration request for any society, subcommittee or university department and photography services for subcommittees these can be requested these through our website. We host classes and are hoping to be

announcing our next one very soon, keep an eye on Facebook or sign up for our newsletter. You can get involved by joining as a volunteer designer or photographer.

SSC ENTS Convener – Paul Lancaster

No report submitted.

SSC Arts Festival Convener- Holly Scrivener

Report as follows:

What have I done since my last report?

We've got our team of volunteers for the festival recruited. The programme is fully finalised and we're now in the finishing stages of logistical planning.

What progress has been made on my manifesto? (if applicable)

n/a

What do I hope to achieve by next report?

n/a

Why does what I'm doing matter to students, and how can they get involved?

Fun arts, good for the soul + very cool development opportunities for those interested in the arts!

SSC Member without Portfolio- Gavin Sandford

What have I done since my last report?

Organised a Bar Social. Chatted to Rowan to start planning for Black Tie Dervish. Chatted to Rachel about **Your Union Your Week** calendar and plan going forward, chatted to Rachel + Flora about putting manifestos up as PDFs on the website

What progress has been made on my manifesto? (if applicable)

Over the course of the year everything I laid out in my 3 main categories: 'Lots of things are confusing', 'Student Council Lacks Publicity', 'Event Publicity Isn't Great' have all been completed. Work has been done to ensure that some of the things I've achieved can be easily carried forward in the coming year by the new SSC MWP.

What do I hope to achieve by next report?

That's a secret.

Why does what I'm doing matter to students, and how can they get involved?

What I'm doing helps students to understand what's going on with the Students' Association. They can get involved by voting and running in the upcoming elections.

Proposed Accommodation Survey questions

Question One:

Please provide a valid St Andrews matriculation number

Question two

Are you an undergraduate or postgraduate student?

Question three

Where do you currently live?

Halls- David Russell Apartments and Fife Park

Halls- Agnes Blackadder and Powell Halls

Halls- University and Whitehorn Halls

Halls- John Burnett Hall

Halls- St Salvators and Gannochy

Halls- Andrew Melville Hall

Halls- St Regulus Hall

Halls- Macintosh Hall

Private Accommodation- St Andrews

Private Accommodation- Commuting

Question four

Is your current living situation your ideal one? (if not, please state your ideal living situation in the free text box below)

(Yes/No)

Question five

What is your household income?

£0-£10000 P.A

£10000-£20000 P.A

£20000-£30000 P.A

£30000- £40000 P.A

£40000- £50000 P.A

£50000+ P.A

Question six

Considering your current needs and financial situation, please rank the following accommodation options in order of preference

Ensuite, single, catered

Ensuite, shared, catered

Ensuite, single, self-catered

Ensuite, shared, self-catered

Standard, single, catered

Standard, shared, catered

Standard, single, self-catered

Standard, single, self-catered

Question seven

Please rank the following changes in order of importance as to what would entice you stay in halls

Cheaper overall cost

Higher quality of facilities and services

Greater independence

Greater sense of community.

Question eight

Do you agree that the financial support given to you by the University and the Government covers your accommodation costs comfortably.

Strongly Agree

Slightly Agree

Slightly Disagree

Strongly Disagree

I do not receive financial support from the University or government

Question Nine

Has the cost of accommodation impacted on your student experience?

No

It has had a small positive impact

It has had a large positive impact

It has had a small negative impact

It has had a large negative impact.

Question ten

Please leave any other comments in the box below.