



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

MINUTES

Tuesday 26 January 2021 – MS Teams – 6pm

Present

Member's Name

Position

Dan Marshall	Association President
Tom Groves	Association Director of Events and Services
Amy Gallacher	Association Director of Education
Emma Walsh	Association Director of Wellbeing
Gavin Sandford	Association Director of Student Development and Activities
Sophie Tyler	Association Athletic Union President
Morgan Morris	Association Chair
Emily Gilson	Association Alumni Officer
Anna Young	Association Community Relations Officer
Lea Weimann	Association Environment Officer
Georgina Beeby	Association LGBT+ Officer
Ananya Jain	Association BAME Officer
Stella Ezeh	Rector's Assessor
Sophie Bickerton	SRC Accommodation Officer
Joe Horsnell	Arts & Divinity Faculty President
Chloe Fielding	Science & Medicine Faculty President
Abigail Whitefield	SRC Postgraduate Academic Convener
Maitreyi Tusharika	SRC Member for First Years
Jasmine Rodriguez	SRC Postgraduate Development Officer
Elise Lenzi	SRC Member for Gender Equality
Annie Smith	SRC Member Without Portfolio
Anna-Ruth Cockerham	SRC Disability Officer
Gabby Kyriakou	SRC Member for Student Health
Tooba Shah	SRC Member for Widening Access & Participation
Kate MacLachlan	Principal Ambassador
Anna Harris	SSC Broadcasting Officer (STAR)
Amy Feakes	SSC Charities Officer (Charities Campaign)
Zaine Mansuralli	SSC Debates Officer (UDS)
Alistair Addison	SSC Music Officer (Music Fund)
Edward Spencer	SSC Design Team Convener

Ryan Delaney	SSC Entertainments Convener (ENTS)
Martin Caforio	SSC Performing Arts Officer (Mermaids)
Avery Kitchens	SSC Societies Officer
Toni Valencia	SSC Member Without Portfolio
Cara Nicholson	SSC Volunteering Officer (SVS)
Sam Ross	SSC Postgraduate Officer (Postgraduate Society)

In Attendance

Andrew Barron	
Cate Hanlon	Presenting motion J21-04

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted.

2. Apologies for Absence.

Jenny Menday	Association Lifelong and Flexible Learners Officer	Absent	
Ananya Jain	Association BAME Officer	Present until 7pm	Proxy: Maitreyi Tusharika

3. Adoption of Minutes from Previous Meetings

- 3.1. Draft minutes from the SSC Meeting on 27th October 2020
- 3.2. Draft minutes from the SSC Meeting on 10th November 2020
- 3.3. Draft minutes from the SRC Meeting on 3rd November 2020

These were all **approved**.

4. Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meetings

Sophie Tyler (ST) asked if it were possible to get the draft minutes relatively soon after the meeting so councillors will know if important information is missed. Morgan Morris (MM) noted that this procedure was changed from Iain Cupples (IC) writing the minutes to Annie Smith (AS), and this should be improved in the future.

5. Open Forum

Tom Groves (TG) reminded councillors to update their role descriptions on the Union website if they have not done so already.

6. Updates from the Most Recent Board Meeting

- 6.1 SRC Senior Officer
- 6.2 SSC Senior Officer

Avery Kitchens (AK) reported that the Board discussed the space that Blackwell's used to be in and made sure that management is following up with plans there. Joe Horsnell (JH) said the board continued to discuss COVID-19 and what the new restrictions mean, particularly for the furlough scheme, as well as changing the status of the charity. They also discussed the website and who will be in charge of it going forward, whether it is a sabbatical position or a member of staff. AK noted that Amy Gallacher (AG) mentioned teaching space in 601 and how this will not change much in the future.

7. Reports of the Sabbatical Officers

7.1. Report of the Athletic Union President

Sophie Tyler (ST) has been working on making plans for next academic year, such as fixing policies and procedures and the insurance department of the University. They have also been working on the reaffiliation process for the Students' Association and Athletic Union.

7.2. Report of the Association President

Dan Marshall (DM) has been doing work on the return to St Andrews and understanding documents from the Scottish Government. He hopes that the University's coronavirus page will have answers to most questions now, and it has now been updated with the latest government advice. DM has been liaising with private landlords and the University for rent rebates on behalf of students, and they noted that some private landlords have been fairly flexible with rent rebates. The Scottish Government also announced £20 million for hardship funds today.

7.3. Report of the Association Director of Events & Services

TG has been working on the Union website and the Help Hub, promotion for society events, and the Decorate the Union event. TG is also considering a takeaway service for Main Bar after recent demand. They noted that the free food service over the winter break saw between 100 to 200 people a day.

7.4. Report of the Association Director of Student Development & Activities

Gavin Sandford (GS) worked on Can Do events over Christmas and supporting students virtually. They are now working on the University's volunteering service and plans for Careers Week, such as changing the way that the Union partners with the Careers Centre. GS also mentioned that they have been working with Mermaids and the University on the possible closure of the Barron Theatre and the student opposition around this. GS noted that Refreshers Fayre is this Sunday and has been planning for this, as well as working on the Union website with TG, such as society pages and general improvements to the site.

7.5. Report of the Association Director of Education

AG reported on recent academic mitigation measures announced by the University, which were released this afternoon. These were mainly focused on the return of special circumstances S-coding and a reduction to honours entry requirements. AG is also working on extensions with the University, as they noted this was a sore spot last semester for many students. For example, some students tried to ask for an extension under reasonable circumstances and they were not granted one. AG said that the advice to

staff is to grant 48-hour extensions reasonably, and if this does not happen, students should go to their School President. AG's attention is now shifted to digital resources in the library and access to this for students not in St Andrews, which is the majority of student body for at least first 6 weeks of term. They have been communicating with the University regarding planning for in-person teaching this semester and will update students as soon as possible. Additionally, AG is working with the Provost and academic conveners to address PGT and PGR issues. Now, AG is working on the study buddy scheme that rolled out last semester prior to revision period, and they thanked the faculty presidents, JH and Chloe Fielding (CF) for pulling this together in a short period of time. The scheme has already seen 100 signups, but AG asked councillors to continue sharing this on social media and to follow their Instagram page, @yourunioneducationcommittee.

7.6. Report of the Association Director of Wellbeing

Emma Walsh (EW) has been primarily working on planning for the Students' Association elections in March, and they asked councillors to please share that Election Committee applications are still open; two positions need to be filled by executive members of subcommittees. EW noted that they have seen interest in the committee from a wide range of students, but they want to continue to promote applications. EW is also trying to plan a virtual elections mixer. They thanked everyone who has signed up to do videos promoting elections and said that they need two people who will not be running for election to speak on behalf of SSC. However, Martin Caforio (MC) and Anna Harris (AH) volunteered in the Teams chat, so EW no longer needs speakers from the SSC. EW is looking to see if this is the year for the formation of an alcohol support group, as they are unsure if an online support group about a sensitive subject would work right now. In terms of Can Do wellbeing initiatives, EW noted that Peer Support has launched their Can Do Chats and asked councillors to please share the information on these.

8. Questions for Association Officers

- 8.1. Questions for Association Alumni Officer
- 8.2. Questions for Association Community Relations Officer
- 8.3. Questions for Association LGBT+ Officer
- 8.4. Questions for Association Lifelong and Flexible Learners Officer
- 8.5. Questions for Association Environment Officer
- 8.6. Questions for Association BAME Officer

Ananya Jain (AJ) has worked over holidays to finalise the BAME ambassador scheme with Admissions, which includes revising the prospectus that they will send out next year. They have also been giving feedback on the BAME mentorship scheme and adapting it for next semester, and working with the Head of Diversity to revamp the diversity course for matriculation next year. AJ drew attention to the Windrush Exhibition on Monday 1 February in the Quad, and the BAME Student Network have been working with the curators to set this up. They asked councillors to please share information about this when it is introduced. The BAME Student Network is hoping to plan a virtual BAME Careers Fayre and a BAME Open Day in collaboration with Admissions.

9. Questions for SSC Members

- 9.1. Questions for SSC Broadcasting Officer (STAR)
- 9.2. Questions for SSC Charities Officer (Charities Campaign)

- 9.3. Questions for SSC Debates Officer (UDS)
- 9.4. Questions for SSC Performing Arts Officer (Mermaids)
- 9.5. Questions for SSC Postgraduate Officer (Postgraduate Society)
- 9.6. Questions for SSC Societies Officer

Anna-Ruth Cockerham (ARC) asked AK about his report where they mentioned the number of medical societies and clarified if disability societies will be included in this, but AK said it is purely medical-based.

- 9.7. Questions for SSC Music Officer (Music Fund)
- 9.8. Questions for SSC Volunteering Officer (SVS)
- 9.9. Questions for SSC Design Officer (Design Team)
- 9.10. Questions for SSC Entertainments Convener (ENTS)
- 9.11. Questions for SSC Arts Festival Convener (On the Rocks)
- 9.12. Questions for SSC Member without Portfolio

10. Questions for SRC Committees and Officers

- 10.1. Questions for SRC Accommodation Officer
- 10.2. Questions for SRC Member for First Years
- 10.3. Questions for SRC Member for Gender Equality
- 10.4. Questions for SRC Disability Officer
- 10.5. Questions for SRC Member for Student Health
- 10.6. Questions for SRC Member for Widening Access and Participation
- 10.7. Questions for SRC Arts/Divinity Faculty President
- 10.8. Questions for SRC Science/Medicine Faculty President
- 10.9. Questions for SRC Postgraduate Academic Convener
- 10.10. Questions for SRC Postgraduate Development Convener
- 10.11. Questions for Principal Ambassador
- 10.12. Questions for Rector's Assessor

Stella Ezeh (SE) introduced herself as the new Rector's Assessor. So far, they have been working on setting up a new structure for the Rector's Committee. Currently the committee functions like a network, which means SE has an Assessor's Assistant and Deputy Rector's Assessor. SE described the other sub-teams in the Rector's Committee, which are all named after activist women of colour, and include areas such as policy and reform, activism and outreach, and communications. The issues that they're working on and have coordinators for include racial equality, disability, mental health, SGBV (sex- and gender-based violence), LGBTQIA+, accommodation, and widening access. Anyone can join the Rector's Committee and email SE at see4@ or rector@ for more information, or by messaging SE personally on Facebook. There will also be spotlight weeks for members and issues on the Rector's Committee Instagram in the coming weeks.

- 10.13. Questions for SRC Member Without Portfolio

11. New General Joint Business

11.1. J21-01 Motion to re-establish and update the position of Employability Officer

JH introduced the motion, noting that is re-establishing a position that the Union has seen in the past but has not been elected for at least three years. They are not entirely sure when it was last elected

because IC was not aware, but they think it has a distinct function to play now. The aim would be to have the position of Employability Officer elected in March with the other Association positions. The role would serve as a feedback liaison to the Careers Centre, as there is currently no student link to communicate what students actually think about the Careers Centre, and they want to take this burden off School Presidents so they can focus more on academic representation. The Employability Officer would work alongside the Alumni Officer and some of the work they do already with the Careers Centre, but this would be a wider role and encompass services like appointments instead of just features like Saint Connect, for example.

ARC asked why the role stopped being elected, and JH said from what they can gather from the laws, it seems quite bureaucratic because there was a subcommittee as well. However, JH noted this would not be exactly the same role and he hopes it would not see similar issues.

GS noted the role was last elected in 2017 and they could find out why it stopped being elected, but added that the Careers Centre has also evolved since then and that may have something to do with it.

Toni Valencia (TV) moved to debate and Amy Feakes (AF) seconded.

Gavin Sandford (GS) moved to vote and Anna-Ruth Cockerham (ARC) seconded.

ST asked if the votes are anonymous through the Teams chat and MM confirmed that they are. They clarified that the votes are not normally anonymous in person, but someone can propose to move to an in camera session where the votes are anonymous.

With 28 votes, the motion **passed unanimously**.

11.2. J21-02 Motion to incorporate School Presidents Advisory Group (Careers) and Schools' Wellbeing Advisory Group into the Association Laws

JH introduced the motion, describing it incorporating into the laws something that is already done. The Education Committee is made up of the School Presidents, Director of Education, and Academic Conveners. There are two faculties in this group which members can be co-opted to: Careers, which is chaired by the Employability Officer, and on which the Faculty Presidents and Director of Education sit, and the Wellbeing Advisory Group, which deals with academic wellbeing issues. There are allowances for this in the updated laws' appendix of the motion. JH noted that they also want to tidy up laws, such as changing the chair of the Education Committee..

ARC asked why disability representatives are not written into the laws, and JH explained this is because they have many other academic representatives, such as library forum representatives and others that are ad hoc or at the discretion of the Director of Education. Because these can frequently change, they are not written into the laws.

ST proposed to move to debate and AF seconded.

TV proposed to move to vote and ARC seconded.

With 28 votes, the motion **passed unanimously**.

11.3. J21-03 A proposal to waive the law that previous “Officially Supported Charities” are ineligible for two years to be nominated

AF introduced the motion, and said that the Charities Campaign does not normally support charities that have been supported in the past two years or allow them to be nominated in order to give other charities a chance. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, fundraising totals are lower than normal, so they wish to allow charities which are being supported this year to go immediately to the shortlisting panel for consideration for next year. They will only allow these charities to bypass the process this year so that they may get the chance to fundraise again.

Lea Weimann (LW) asked how this will affect which charities are chosen, and whether it will have an impact on other charities that were not supported this year. AF noted that the shortlisting panel narrows down the choices to five charities and then chooses from that shortlisted group, so it will be their choice whether a charity supported this year is chosen for next year. The student body will also get to vote on the charities for next year in the Students’ Association elections in March. LW clarified that there is a new way this works with three categories (Fife, UK, and International), and AF confirmed this and said the process should still be able to run smoothly. LW informally proposed the idea of having different categories for charities being supported so that the chosen charities do not continually represent the same scope, and questioned how current events can be supported by chosen charities of the Charities Campaign. AF said that the shortlisting panel is now working to choose charities from a variety of categories, whether it be environmental, disability, disease, or another issue, and this was confirmed by their motion last year.

AK asked whether students can still vote out the charities supported this year in the elections deciding the charities for next year, and AF said yes.

ARC motioned to move to debate and LW seconded.

GS motioned to move to vote and LW seconded.

With 28 votes, the motion passed unanimously.

11.4. J21-04 A motion to petition the Students’ Association to oppose the permanent closure of The Barron Theatre

MM noted that this motion was proposed via petition with over 25 signatures from the student body, and the motion is owned by Cate Hanlon (CH).

CH noted that they are the Barron Theatre manager for this year and involved with theatre, but they have been concerned about the potential of a Barron closure for a while. The current plan by the University is to close the Barron Theatre and offer Mermaids a residency in the Byre Studio. While CH noted this offer is generous and students would look forward to a greater partnership with the Byre, they said this is not a replacement for the autonomous student theatre venue which the Barron Theatre is. CH remarked that the Barron’s closure would be a tragedy, especially this year, and it would be hugely detrimental to the student theatre and performing arts communities at St Andrews, as well as the student experience more generally.

ES asked if we have a financial breakdown of the Barron's spending and how much it costs the University each year. CH said they do not, but it is entirely financially independent and mostly run from the revenue it makes from shows and events to fund its upkeep. CH noted that there is also a Barron Endowment Fund, which can be used for physical building changes and upgrades should they be needed, and this fund currently has about £100,000.

LW asked why the University wants to close the Barron, and CH said that they are wanting to redevelop the block of University buildings on North Street for a larger strategic plan, though this was vague to students in the public forum meeting and alluded to study space and space for Student Services. CH also noted that the University was eager for more student involvement with the Byre, which students are happy to do but not at the expense of losing their autonomous space.

ARC asked how we got here and what has happened until this point, as she believed this involved the University Court. MM said this question will be saved for debate.

MC asked CH to explain how the Barron benefits Mermaids as well as all affiliated societies. CH noted that the Barron is currently entirely run by students with student key holders and is open nearly 365 days a year, 7 days a week (this is subject to the Union's hours for insurance purposes). The Barron often hosts Mermaids and its affiliates, but it also sees events and space use from Dance Society, Art Society and their weekly life drawing classes, Blind Mirth every monday, music groups, and independent student collectives. CH said the Barron has even been used by academic departments in the last few years.

AS asked if the University offered an explanation as to why they are building more in town when many departments are shifting to Eden Campus, as well as if the Byre could handle all the events that the Barron puts on with its current schedule of events and storage. CH explained that the Byre offered students storage space in a town within a short drive away from St Andrews and said they could also store some things in the Byre Studio. CH said this is not ideal because students need to drive to get there, so they would be reliant on Byre staff to drive with vans and store things. CH also said that the Open Forum showed there are many details that still need to be addressed, and the University only said they would look into using other estate space but were not specific. In terms of the access to the space in the Byre, the University said performing arts would have access to the Byre about five days a week, but sometimes less, which would reduce Mermaids' capacity with less access to space.

GS motioned to move to debate and MC seconded.

GS answered an earlier question by ARC about how we arrived at this point and explained that sabbatical officers were approached by the University at the end of last semester. In that communication, the University suggested that the Barron would not remain open and the Students' Association should be looking to alternatives, which is when the Byre was suggested. GS said sabbatical officers were not given the opportunity for debate on the Barron's closure and believes that this petition can strengthen their position that students want this space to remain open. While sabbatical officers have been pushing for this, GS said it has not been the focus of their discussions with the University. DM said that they have made it clear at every stage that the Students' Association do not want to see the Barron closed and they would be happy to operate the Barron. DM explained that the choice they were given at University Court was not about the Barron but rather the Byre, and had to vote on whether or not the Byre would close. DM said had they opposed this, they would have lost the Byre and the Barron. DM said they believe the point for the Barron to be saved was unfortunately a long time ago.

ST responded to the question from AS about Eden Campus and said they believe the campus is for departments that are non-student facing, and the University is redeveloping departments in town to make them more suitable for student use. AG responded that it is also to free up other buildings in the centre of town.

LW asked whether saving the Barron is possible, and MM responded that this petition is to oppose its closure in a formal manner, which mandates the sabbatical officers to take this forward with the University in a more formal capacity. GS said the motion can still prove useful in other regards and that, although it is likely the Barron will close at some point, the passage of this motion could lead to the Barron staying open for longer or strengthen their position of wanting an autonomous space for student performing arts. DM added that whether or not it is likely they can save the Barron, it is important to put on record that the Students' Association opposes this action. On whether the Barron is a lost cause, CH said they hope to prevent the closure of the Barron until the University can open up a similar space.

GS proposed an amendment to focus the motion on the Barron, rather than mentioning the Byre. His amendment would read, "Resolves 1. We ask that the Students' Association oppose the permanent closure of The Barron Theatre." With no objections, the amendment **passed unanimously**.

MC said he is under the impression that a lot of the University's perception of the opposition to their move comes from disgruntled alumni and people that just want to be angry at the University. MC believes that if elected representatives also voice their opposition, it will remove this perception. CH mentioned that one petition online had over 2,200 signatures.

AS asked what the University's justification was for also getting rid of the Byre. GS said the University does not make money on the Byre, but it costs them money. DM added that there is no desire from the senior leadership of the University to close the Byre, but the Byre costs a lot of money and investment from the University, as they rent the building from Fife Council. In the long term, the University wants to own the Byre building and ensure it is acting to benefit staff and students, as well as the community in a way that it has not done historically. DM believes the decision between the Byre and Barron was to ensure the Byre is worth losing the money for and ensure it has clear, demonstrable values to the student experience.

ES asked the sabbatical officers if, we can't save the Barron, whether this motion can help get more resources for Mermaids and student groups at the Byre. GS believes there is no need for further motions on this issues as this puts weight behind them for what they are currently requesting.

ARC motioned to move to vote and ST seconded.

RD spoke about the public forum, which had about 120 students attend and lasted for about three hours. They noted that it addressed points that the University has not talked about in its plans so far, including things that are not directly show-related such as workshop space, for which the University has no alternative at the Byre currently. RD noted that the public forum demonstrated the amount of student opposition to the closure of the Barron.

AS spoke about how they disagreed with the University planning ideas for expansion and new buildings in the middle of a pandemic when many things will be interrupted financially post-COVID. ST said that

we should not put things on hold during the pandemic, especially legally, and need to keep planning for the future. DM added that one architect said these spaces like study space will not be ready until 2025, so it is important to have these future plans now, even in a pandemic.

GS motioned to move to vote and ST seconded.

With 28 votes in favour and 2 abstentions, the motion **passed**.

11.5. J21-05 A motion to accept the elections rules as provided by the Elections Committee to allow for the Students' Association Elections in 2021 to take place in a fair and organized manner.

EW introduced the motion, describing it as the annual update to the election rules, as each year the Director of Wellbeing makes changes, minor or major. EW noted the most notable changes include the elections being fully online this year because of the COVID-19 pandemic; no sabbatical hall hustings this year as moving to an online forum for each specific hall would not serve a purpose because they are online, and they normally cause a lot of stress on sabbatical candidates. Rules have also been changed for commenting on election posts, and rules have been clarified for pre-campaigning. Instead of moving the SRC and SSC hustings online, as they have been poorly attended last year and online events are typically less attended than in-person events, these will be held as written hustings, similar to how many School President elections run.

ARC asked if the COVID guidelines attached to the election rules would change if government guidance changed. EW said that even if things were open again in March, the Elections Committee would still be hesitant to allow in-person campaigning because the University has asked students not to return, and they want an equal-playing field for all candidates whether they are in St Andrews or not. However, EW does not think the rules will change regardless.

ES asked if sabbatical officers were previously not allowed to support a campaign publicly and if this rule is now being removed. EW said they took out this policy in case a sabbatical officer is running a campaign, or if there is a reason they cannot be neutral. Additionally, EW said all sabbatical officers who are not running are expected to be on the Elections Committee.

TG asked if people can now comment anything on nominations posts and how the format of the nomination posts has changed. EW said that previously, the format of releasing nomination posts on a rolling basis has been anxiety-inducing for candidates, so instead of this, they will do one collected nominations post at 5pm each day. EW believes this will draw less attention to individual nominations posts and instead allow people to learn about multiple elections. In terms of rules on comments for nomination posts, people can comment anything as long as it is within the guidelines of good campaigning and not pre-campaigning. EW also hopes this will create a more even nominations process.

Zaine Mansuralli (ZM) asked if anything in the elections working group and questionnaire had been integrated into the rules. EW said they had a meeting with the working group and hopes to revive this group with the new Director of Wellbeing so this group can meet sooner after the elections end. Conversations that came out of the working group include the library and in-person campaigning, which will come into play post-pandemic; changes to the time-frame of elections and shortening the nominations period, but EW believes a longer nominations period works to their advantage to increase engagement, especially this year; and the nominations posts, which has changed as a result of the working group's comments.

ST asked about the rule of sabbatical officers opting out of the Elections Committee, as many of the points in the election rules read like guidance instead of rules to them, and said actual rules should be put at the top of the document with guidance following. ST also said that it feels as if the same issues are coming up each year and wonders if Councils can mandate that the working group exists. ARC said the elections motion last semester mandated that this group existed, but it also mandated that the group existed earlier and in a different form than it actually did. ARC added that a similar motion could be passed to mandate the working group each year if they feel that is necessary.

ARC brought up the issue of online campaign ads and that there was a disparity where some candidates could run them and some could not, as only candidates who have previously run political ads do not have permission on Facebook to run campaign ads, and asked why this had not been addressed in the election rules this year. EW said they were not personally aware of that issue and would be interested in hearing more about it.

TG motioned to move to debate and AF seconded.

ARC followed up on her earlier question and said that as the person who ran the survey on elections, they do not feel that the answers were responded to well with the election rules this year. They also noted that the elections working group was not meant to be every sabbatical officer and mostly Councils, and it was meant to start at the beginning of the semester, because the rules are consistently set by sabbatical officers and Councils and others feel this is why problems are recurring. ARC noted that the general feedback of the rules being confusing has not been addressed, and the working group only met once and did not decide anything. They do not feel that Association policy has been implemented and believe they cannot support the motion when Councils is failing to do something they previously said they would do. In regards to the working group being majority Councils members, EW said the working group was publicised on Facebook and all-student emails but there were unfortunately not many sign-ups, which was beyond their control, though EW wished that more non-Councils members were involved. In terms of when the working group met, EW said this was an issue of miscommunication between herself and her predecessor, and EW believed ARC would run it. ARC said this was discussed between them in the summer and ARC was told they could not run the working group because it was a conflict-of-interest, as they could run in these elections and should not be involved in the creation of the rules. ARC said, had the elections working group been advertised earlier, they would not have faced these issues because there was interest expressed when the motion was initially passed, and at the start of the semester. ARC believes there was low interest because the group was promoted during exams, when less people could commit their time. MM ended the debate point as to avoid blame being pointed in a public manner.

AK motioned to move to vote and TV seconded.

With 16 votes in favour, 7 against, and 4 abstentions, the motion **passed**.

11.6. SRC and SSC Carve-Ups to the Election Committee

MM began with SSC carve-ups.

TV nominated their self and ZM seconded.

AK nominated MC, but they declined because they have a conflict-of-interest. EW nominated AF, but they declined. ES nominated AK, but they declined.

EW nominated ZM and they accepted; TV seconded the nomination.

EW nominated AH and they accepted.

TV gave their nomination speech, noting their candidacy in two previous elections and that they are relatively aware of previous election rules. They hope they can help candidates feel more at ease during elections season and prevent negative campaigning. They want to work on everyone having a fun elections process.

ZM gave their nomination speech, saying they could help ensure the elections are fair and impartial. They are familiar with election rules and the process because of their previous candidacy and work on a campaigns team. They have organised elections within the UDS committee and for debating across Scotland, so they could bring this experience to the Elections Committee, particularly with running an election during a pandemic.

AH gave their nomination speech, noting their enthusiasm for being on a team and that they know nothing about elections, so they could provide an alternative perspective and empathise with candidates that are new to the process.

MM relinquished the chair to AK as the SRC Senior Officer, in order to volunteer for the SRC carve-ups.

EW nominated MM and GS seconded; MM accepted.

SB nominated their self and TV seconded.

EW nominated Jasmine Rodriguez (JR), but they declined. EW nominated LW, but they declined. GS nominated Tooba Shah (TS), but they declined.

EW nominated Georgina Beeby and Elise Lenzi (EL) seconded. GB asked what the role entailed, and EW noted that it involves an hour each day monitoring campaign group chats, campaigning, and the email, though anyone could also be a Deputy Elections Officer with more responsibility. GB accepted the nomination.

MM gave their nomination speech and thanked everyone for the nomination. They have been waiting to be on the Election Committee for a few years and believe they could bring a good perspective to the committee as they have run three different campaigns and been on several sabbatical campaign teams. They also believe they could bring a neutral stance as being Association Chair this year, as well as leadership and other relevant skills.

SB gave their nomination speech, noting that elections are important in every year but especially this year because the pandemic may have not shown Councils in the best light and they hope to elect good officers to these roles.

GB gave their nomination speech, noting that they do not know how elections run and did not enjoy the process very much last year, so they hope to enlighten others who are new to elections and make the

process fun for them. GS asked how GB would make it fun, and GB noted it would be with lots of memes.

Councillors voted for SSC and SRC carve-ups to the Election Committee, and the results were as follows:
Toni Valencia, Zaine Mansuralli, and Anna Harris for SSC; Morgan Morris, Sophie Bickerton, and Georgina Beeby for SRC.

12. New General SSC Business

None.

13. New General SRC Business

None.

14. Any Other Competent Business

None.

15. Collaborative Solutions

15.1. Handover Preparations

15.2. COVID-Safe Fundraising

Not minuted.