

## Meeting of the Students' Association Executive Committee, 13 Feb 2017.

Meeting Room

Meeting started ten minutes late on account of absence of Association Chair. Association Chair arrived, then left. Charlotte Andrew, Association President, took the chair.

### - Attendance

- Jack Carr, Director of Representation.
- Charlotte Andrew, Association President (Chair)
- Caroline Christie, Director of Student Development and Activities
- Taryn O'Connor, Director of Events and Services
- Louise McCaul, Faculty President of Arts/Divinity
- Annabel Ekelund, SSC Performing Arts Officer
- Pia Szabo, SSC Societies Officer
- Aine Bennett, Association Community Relations Officer
- Kristen Tsubota, SSC Charities Officer
- In attendance - Lewis Wood - Joseph Cassidy

### **1. First item of business - Reinstatement of Lewis Wood as LGBT+ Officer**

- Lewis Wood had been automatically removed from the position of Association LGBT+ Officer for receiving a total of three strikes for missed meetings and reports from the Student Services Council.
- Jack Carr, Director of Representation, stated that his assessment of Lewis Wood's performance as LGBT+ Officer had been exceptional. He stated that he did not believe that a few missed reports took away from that. Furthermore, he had noticed

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that the missed 'end of semester' and 'end of year' reports had both been assigned to the council in which he was closest to dismissal. Jack regarded this as arbitrary, as both reports could have equally been assigned to the SRC total which would not have resulted in Lewis' dismissal. Caroline Christie, Director of Student Development and Activities, noted for the record that Lewis Wood is a trustee of the Students' Association and there was an upcoming meeting of the Board of Trustees on Thursday. Lewis gave an apology, in which he said that he had missed his reports due to the otherwise hectic nature of his schedule in running the LGBT+ Subcommittee. Jack Carr motioned to go in camera to hold a vote. Louise McCaul, Faculty President of Science/Medicine, seconded. Lewis Wood was unanimously reinstated.

- Lewis Wood re-took his position as SRC Senior Officer and member of the Executive Committee.

## **2. Item of Business - Motion to censure the Association Chair for inconsistently using the Association Laws.**

- A motion was proposed to censure the chair of the Students' Association for inconsistency applying the absence policy to remove certain officers from their position while allowing others to remain.
- Jack moved that the meeting go in camera. Louise McCaul seconded.
- A vote was held, with eight members in favour and one in opposition. The motion passed.

## **3. Emergency motion - Reforms to Chapter 5: Membership of the SRC, SSC, Subcommittees.**

- A motion was proposed to increase the number of absences and missed reports permitted for councilors, and to adapt the process by which councilors were considered for removal from their position. The proposed changes would ensure no-one was automatically removed from a position, but that their performance would be considered holistically by the Executive committee. The Association Chair would not be able to remove members from office, but would instead inform their own and the relevant councilor's line-manager that the councilor had reached their absence limit, before summoning them to an Executive committee meeting.

- Louise proposed an amendment to clarify whether faculty presidents and other roles such as Rectors' Assessor could be removed given that they were appointed externally. Exec agreed to make the amendment to reflect that holders of these positions could be removed from membership of councils but not from retaining their office.

Roll call vote:

- Jack (Sabb) yes
- Charlotte (Sabb) Chairing
- Caroline (Sabb) yes
- Taryn (sabb) yes
- Louise yes.
- Annabel yes
- Pia yes
- Lewis yes
- Aine yes
- Kristen yes

Motion carried.

#### **4. Emergency motion to reform the committee structure of the SSC subcommittee Music is Love.**

- Taryn O'Connor, Director of Events and Services, introduced the motion. MIL feels as a committee that their purpose has changed over the years. They have found that putting all of their efforts into student music gives best service to students. The current SSC music officer has stepped down and in the interim period until elections, the SSC Music Is Love committee is now being run by the Student Music

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Officers. A new subcommittee structure has been proposed, as set out in an appendix to these minutes. In effect it has restructured the committee to best focus on student music. Taryn went through the new subcommittee as presented and took questions. New subcommittee head name is to ensure that people know what they are expected to do prior to elections. The group are not permitted to compete with the commercial activities of the Students' Association, and focusing solely on student music would be a way to avoid this. Jack asked that the motion to go out for information tomorrow. Aine Bennett, Community Relations Officer, moved to vote. Jack Carr seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

There was no other competent business.