



# Papers for SRC Meeting

## Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2021

### 18 00 – MS Teams

#### **Present**

#### **Member's Name**

#### **Position**

Dan Marshall	Association President
Amy Gallacher	Association Director of Education
Leonie Hoher	Association Director of Education-Elect
Emma Walsh	Association Director of Wellbeing
Anna-Ruth Cockerham	Association Director of Wellbeing-Elect
Gavin Sandford	Association Director of Student Development and Activities
Avery Kitchens	Association Director of Student Development and Activities-Elect
Sophie Tyler	Association Athletic Union President
Jessica Smith	Association Athletic Union President-Elect
Maitreyi Tusharika	Association Chair
Jack Campbell	SRC Alumni Officer
Rosanna Johnston	SRC Community Relations Officer
Bhavya Palugudi	SRC Environment Officer
Ananya Jain	SRC BAME Officer
Rhea Soni	SRC Employability Officer
Stella Ezeh	SRC Rector's Assessor
Joseph Horsnell	SRC Arts & Divinity Faculty President
Lucia Guercio	SRC Arts & Divinity Faculty President-Elect
Sarah Johnston	SRC Science & Medicine Faculty President-Elect
Caroline McWilliams	SRC Postgraduate Academic Convenor-Elect
Helena Austin	SRC First Years Officer
Jasmine Rodriguez	SRC Postgraduate Development Officer
Caitlin Ridgway	SRC Gender Equality Officer
Jane Yarnell	SRC Disability Officer
Sandra Mitchell	SRC Lifelong and Flexible Learners Officer
Capri Mancini	Secretary to the SRC
Emma Craig	SRC Student Health Officer
Sophie Craig	SRC Widening Access & Participation Officer

#### **In Attendance**

Iain Cupples	Student Advocate (Education)/HR manager
Tara King	

#### **Absent**

Lottie Doherty	Association President-Elect
AK Schott	SRC Accommodation Officer

## **1. Adoption of the Agenda**

- 1.1. The agenda was adopted without dissent.

## **2. Apologies for Absence**

- 2.1. Tom Groves – Director of Events & Services
- 2.2. Abd Alsattar Ardani – SRC Postgraduate Development Officer Elect
- 2.3. Chloe Fielding – SRC Science & Medicine Faculty President
- 2.4. Greysen Braley – SRC LGBT+ Officer
- 2.5. Abi Whitfield – SRC Postgraduate Academic Officer

## **3. Open Forum**

## **4. Reports of Sabbatical Officers**

- 4.1. Report of the Association President

Daniel Marshall (DM) says in regard to updates relevant to the SRC: last Monday organised court-focused groups were held. DM thanks those that attended, explaining that they received positive feedback from the court, and that the court members would be keen to run such focus groups again, perhaps once or twice a year. DM says that University Court was held last Friday, which they, Stella (Rector's Assessor) and Amy (Director of Education) attended. At Court, DM says that they brought up the Rector's Report, highlighting issues about accommodation affordability, support for commuters, the ongoing situation with the Baron and Byre Theatres, as well as the issue of vaccine passports for international students in summer as talks continue between the University and the Scottish government. DM brings up May Dip, reminding councillors that it is not a university nor Students Association organised event, but that students will be wanting to do it. DM says they are working on ways to give students advice on how to go about May Dip safely and legally. Additionally, DM is working on a hall committee reform and a new draft for the finance chapters of constitutions. Other meetings that DM is involved with are for those campaigning for student affordability and a recent meeting with the local chapter of the UCU. Maitreyi Tusharika (MT) asks councillors if there are any questions for DM. Jack Campbell (JC) asks DM about May Dip and if the university will actively discourage student participation. DM reiterates that May Dip has never been an organised event, rather just something which students do. DM continues that it is perfectly legal for students to do it in groups of 6 as long as they adhere to Covid-19 guidance, but that there would be problems if students do it in groups larger than six or engage in antisocial behaviour on the beach, further that if students participate (which they are not saying they should), that if anyone were to get in trouble in the water, DM is working on ensuring people are aware that students will be doing it at a certain time and help will be available. There are no further questions for DM.

- 4.2. Report of the Athletic Union President

Sophie Tyler (ST) discusses that they are mostly working on restructuring AU membership. ST says this links to SRC as it is a project for widening participation as prices of membership should be fairer, allowing students to be involved in sport more. ST continues that they are mostly working on upcoming affiliations, policies, and issues in terms of gender and sport, particularly around clubs which have recently merged the men's and women's sides of teams together. ST tells councillors that they will be getting in touch with officers for Saint Sport for All which is an

advisory group to bring together members of the SRC and from Saint Sport to improve the work that Saint Sport is doing. There are no questions for ST.

- 4.3. Report of the Director of Education
- 4.4. Report of the Director of Events & Services
- 4.5. Report of the Director of Student Development & Activities

Gavin Sandford (GS) says they do not have much to report that is relevant to the SRC. GS says they are primarily aiding subcommittees of the Students' Association with interviews and AGMs. GS adds that Society Awards are going on and they have additionally been involved with Student Leader of the Year Award and Open Days. GS is further handling tasks for those who are graduating, working on transcripts and HLMS, as well as volunteering awards. There are no questions for GS.

- 4.6. Report of the Director of Wellbeing

Emma Walsh (EW) says they have been doing a lot of work regarding internal governance for the Union recently, such as recruiting two new trustees to the Students' Association Board. EW says they will be set for interviews for these new positions fairly soon, confirming that one interview is going ahead in the very near future. Iain Cupples (IC) adds that there were a good number of candidates, and there should be a strong shortlist. EW concludes that soon there should be a fully operation SA Board. EW says the John Honey award nominations and selection have finished, after handling a large number of applications. They add that the winner of the John Honey award will be announced with the Gives Back Awards. EW adds that HLMS are still open. EW is mostly working on interviews, particularly for Got Consent. EW is additionally working on the wellbeing side of May Dip, such as communications of alcohol safety. There are no questions for EW.

## **5. Questions for SRC Members**

- 5.1. MT says this can additionally be a time for Officers to give updates to their reports or to ask questions based on reports, as well as general questions.
- 5.2. Questions for Accommodation Officer
- 5.3. Questions for Alumni Officer
- 5.4. Questions for Arts/Divinity Faculty President
- 5.5. Questions for BAME Officer
- 5.6. Questions for Community Relations Officer
- 5.7. Questions for Disability Officer
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- 5.17. Questions for Science/Medicine Faculty President
- 5.18. Questions for Secretary to the SRC
- 5.19. Questions for Student Health Officer
- 5.20. Questions for Widening Access and Participation Officer

## **6. Any Other Competent Questions**

## **7. New SRC Business**

## **8. Any Other Competent Business**

## **9. Collaborative Solutions**

- 9.1. Ananya Jain (AJ) says that they were recently in discussion with the SAF Senior Officer Amy Feakes (AF) about the recent change to Councils. AJ explains this for new councillors who could be unsure about how Councils ran previously. AJ says that the change was intended to allow for more collaboration between officers, acknowledging that it is still a place to bring motions, but especially to have a space which officers are able to coordinate and collaborate on things like events, as it became evident this past year that councillors can have difficulty getting the larger student body engaged and attending events. AJ points out that Councils often results in having many meetings with the same people, so it is a good opportunity to collaborate, discuss similar issues, connect with staff, faculty, as well as one another, or just reach out to someone you do not know. AJ encourages councillors to not only bring motions, but also to discuss problems, things that they might be struggling with, or what their subcommittee could be doing.
- 9.2. MT thanks AJ and inquires if there are further questions or if anyone has anything else to add.
- 9.3. MT reminds councillors that they sent out an email today regarding things which new councillors might find unclear about councils, encouraging them to reach out to current sabbatical officers, MT, or to post in the Padlet link that was attached to the email in light of the upcoming training which CEED will be conducting for Councils.

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# SRC REPORTS

## SRC Accommodation Officer – AK Schott

### ***What have you done since you've been elected?***

I have recruited a committee, opened hall committee elections, discussed handovers and summer plans with current Senior Students, met with the Principal and discussed (among others) accommodation issues and expanding access to university funds. I have chaired Senior Student Forum and accommodation subcommittee meetings. I also organised a flatmate finder event mainly for first-year students and collected feedback. I had a meeting with the Charities Campaign Secretary to discuss how to implement a newsletter. I've also set up a platform for students to connect and find properties together, which we're trialling now.

### ***What progress has been made on your manifesto?***

I've recruited people to the committee specifically to work on manifesto issues. I've had talks with university officials about getting a breakdown of halls costs, set up a meeting with letting agents to discuss a rating system, am looking for Commuters Rep, have had a meeting to discuss supporting and paying hall committees, will be added to the affordability working group, and will be speaking to the member of Student Services in charge of the wardennial system in halls.

### ***What do you hope to achieve by your next report?***

I will have spoken to letting agents and have had feedback from them on the system. I will hopefully have had further meetings with university officials and RBS. Elections will be done and we'll be training new hall committees. I will have introduced the new committee to their roles and they will have started their work.

### ***Any events or opportunities that you would like other members to know about?***

[Hall committee nominations](#) open now until Sunday 18 April. Voting open 20 to 25 April.  
[Subcommittee Commuters Rep applications](#)  
[Flatmatch: Flatmate finder events](#)

## SRC Alumni Officer – Jack Campbell

### ***What have you done since you've been elected?***

I have met with the subcommittee twice - once prior to, and once after, Spring break - and have made the transition from the former Alumni Officer to me chairing/facilitating the meetings. Met also with Association President.

### ***What progress has been made on your manifesto?***

I have discussed my plans with the subcommittee and asked them to think on them. Discussed with President (Dan), too, who had some good suggestions for points of contact regarding making a start on my scholarship idea. I've noted that the framing of my plans will be important, and so I'm keen to get that right before moving on. Will require that I sit down and flesh out a plan of action. Might be a job for the summer with the new President.

### ***What do you hope to achieve by your next report?***

More meetings with Alumni subcommittee, more progress made to flesh out the ideas behind my manifesto and develop an implementation plan for those.

### ***Any events or opportunities that you would like other members to know about?***

If you have a subcommittee, there is the above-mentioned Alumni Tracking system. It basically gives permissions from the grad when they fill out the form (can have people fill it out when they graduate) to alumni relations to relay communications from the future society or subcommittee. It would be great to have as many people participate as possible so we can maintain a community with our alumni! [Link](#) to alumni communications form.

### **SRC Arts and Divinity Faculty President – Joe Horsnell**

No Report Submitted.

### **SRC BAME Officer – Ananya Jain**

#### ***What have you done since you've been elected?***

- Held a session for the Offer Holders day on the BAME Student Experience
- Met with Admissions about targeted outreach and a pilot program for the same over the summer
- Met with the Provost + AVP
- Diversity (along with our PG Rep) to discuss PG Representation, engagement and funding
- Organised a drop in session for anti - asian racism/hate crime over spring break and fed that onto the Head of Diversity with a list of action points
- Held our first BAME Careers Conference over the last weekend
- Hosted our first BAME Book Club in Spring Break
- Reached out to some new councillors to discuss collabs for the upcoming year
- Met with Faculty heads of EDI and Faculty Reps to discuss the publication of the Action Plan Report
- Attended the University Court Focus Group session

#### ***What progress has been made on your manifesto?***

- PG Representation
- Meeting with Provost
- Also brought it up with Admissions
- Split the PG Rep roles into PGT Rep and PGR Rep to cover a vaster scope
- Central EDI Communications
- Spoke with our Education Officer, the BAME Biology Team and the chair of the English Equality and Diversity Group about developing a semesterly open forum for school presidents to share good practice and discuss initiatives
- Ran the idea of a EDI Team Open Forum with students by Sukhi Bains (head of Diversity), and will follow up on that post exams.
- Community Building
- Planning Multicultural week (Week 11) to be engaging and less virtual event based. Currently thinking about a movie screening, a collaborative playlist, and perhaps collars with local food businesses
- Working on collars with other councillors and subcoms for the upcoming year to keep engagement going and maximise attendance.

#### ***What do you hope to achieve by your next report?***

- Recruit a new committee
- Follow up on measures taken to combat anti-asian racism with the University
- Finalise a date for the EDI Open Fora
- Attend a bystander training with Student Services
- Reach out to other Equal Ops members to work on collaborative EDI Solutions and tasks
- Start preparing for the BAME Schools Outreach programme pilot

***Any events or opportunities that you would like other members to know about?***  
Committee Applications are opening this week linked [here](#)

### **SRC Community Relations Officer – Rosanna Johnston**

No Report Submitted.

### **SRC Disability Officer – Jane Yarnell**

***What have you done since you've been elected?***

Ironed out details of handover Worked with admissions on some changes to their website to make it more inclusive of Disabled students Worked with Student Services on the creation of an orientation module that would be more useful to students with disabilities Worked on recruiting a new committee.

***What progress has been made on your manifesto?***

The orientation module mentioned above is a manifesto point for me, so I've worked on that.

***What do you hope to achieve by your next report?***

I would like to have my new committee elected/in place and have completed some introductory info and training with them.

***Any events or opportunities that you would like other members to know about?***

N/A.

### **SRC Employability Officer – Rhea Meher Soni**

***What have you done since you've been elected?***

I have set up a meeting with my line manager to initiate a handoff. In addition, I have second handed my attended meetings with both the University Employability working group and Fiona Hill.

***What progress has been made on your manifesto?***

The progress that is being made is that I am connecting with the appropriate people that I will be working with next year and building relationships in order to effectively conduct business with them. In addition, there are talks of creating a Careers Network that will consist of alumni, professors and other working professionals able to mentor students. This directly correlates to my manifesto as I hope to create more networks for students to get advice from.

***What do you hope to achieve by your next report?***

I hope to have my handoff complete, and finish my initial contacting of the people I will closely be working with.

***Any events or opportunities that you would like other members to know about?***

N/A

### **SRC Environment Officer – Bhavya Palugudi**

***What have you done since you've been elected?***

Met with the President to discuss plans for the coming year Opened applications for new subcommittee positions and conducted interviews and selected the final list of new committee members Proposed a motion to change the Subcommittee structure and updated the Environment Subcommittee constitution to reflect these changes and formalise the Subcommittee's vision for environmental justice.

***What progress has been made on your manifesto?***

Worked to formally include environmental justice as a primary focus point for the Subcommittee Changed the structure to include a Member for Environmental Justice and added a Lifestyle and Wellbeing representative to work on addressing nature disconnect within students.

***What do you hope to achieve by your next report?***

Work on passing a motion to encourage the Student's Association to be actively involved in future COPs even when located outside Scotland Finalise Subcommittee members, notify them, complete their handovers and hold the first meeting Work with the Subcommittee to come up with a plan of action for the next year including weekly themes and event ideas Work on passing a motion to encourage the Student's Association to adopt environmental justice as



a focus instead of just a narrow definition of sustainability.

***Any events or opportunities that you would like other members to know about?***

N/A

### **SRC First Years Officer – Helena Austin**

***What have you done since you've been elected?***

I have started the Instagram 2025 page. We have currently almost 1100 followers. I have also conducted livestreams on this channel that had at the time 80 viewers and got great feedback on its importance. Currently I am reaching out to societies to begin initiating their summer Instagram takeovers.

***What progress has been made on your manifesto?***

Online support has definitely been tackled well. Covid help will also be more specialized since I decided to join the Covid Saints team to get a better idea for Covid help on campus.

***What do you hope to achieve by your next report?***

I hope to have contacted more societies for the Instagram takeover. I also hope to have more engagement and interaction on Instagram.

***Any events or opportunities that you would like other members to know about?***

If you are in any societies/sports committees, could you have them fill out this [link](#) for Instagram take-overs.

### **SRC Gender Equality Officer – Caitlin Ridgway**

***What have you done since you've been elected?***

Spoken at the UDS panel on gender-based violence; handover meeting with DoWell; meeting with DoWell and Feminist Society about inclusive language.

***What progress has been made on your manifesto?***

During handover with Emma (DoWell) I have been signposted to the best contacts for achieving each of my manifesto points.

***What do you hope to achieve by your next report?***

As cafes, pubs and bars are reopening soon, I would like to engage with the community about implementing Ask for Angela across all town venues to improve student safety.

***Any events or opportunities that you would like other members to know about?***

There are a lot of events still to come for Sexual Assault Awareness Month, including the Denim Day campaign on 29th April!

### **SRC LGBT+ Officer – Greysen Braley**

No Report Submitted.

### **SRC Lifelong and Flexible Learners Officer – Sandra Mitchell**

***What have you done since you've been elected?***

Since I have been elected I have hosted an open forum to try and engage more with the lifers community and find out what people would like to see for the year ahead. I have created a Lifelong and Flexible Learners group on teams where I've arranged a couple of lunchtime catch ups for people to just have lunch together and a chat, both the forum and catch ups have been reasonably well attended and I hope to build on this. I've also been advertising committee positions and the AGM. I brought a motion to SAEC this past week to update the Lifelong and Flexible Learners constitution which was passed. I have also managed to get details (with the massive help of Gavin) to contact evening degree students to make them aware of Lifers and give them the opportunity to get involved if they wish.

***What progress has been made on your manifesto?***

I have created a teams group to bring lifers together which already has a good amount of

members. Committee meetings are being advertised and I hope they will be well attended. I have also set up a weekly office hour which is being advertised on the Lifelong and Flexible Learners Forum on Facebook.

***What do you hope to achieve by your next report?***

By my next report I hope to have reached all evening students with information, have a full (or as near as) committee and grown the numbers on the teams group. I also hope to have started work on events for the year ahead.

***Any events or opportunities that you would like other members to know about?***

If there's something you think you'd like to collaborate with Lifers on, please reach out. I would love to have ideas for collaborations, I'm sure there's many options.

**SRC Postgraduate Academic Officer – Abi Whitefield**

No Report Submitted.

**SRC Postgraduate Development Officer – Jasmine Rodriguez**

No Report Submitted.

**SRC Rector's Assessor – Stella Maris**

***What have you done since your last report?***

Held an all-student open forum. Begun the recruitment process for our new team. This involved restructuring our committee. Worked to establish the constitutional remit of the Rector's Committee. Continued with our Spotlight weeks. Engaged in Do No Harm discussions with student services.

***What progress has been made on your manifesto?***

N/A.

***What do you hope to achieve by your next report?***

Hold our staff open forum. Finish our recruitment process. Support my issue based coordinators with the projects they are working on.

***Any events or opportunities that you would like other members to know about?***

We are holding a 'Meet the Rector' event for members of staff if any members of the committee would like to be included.

**SRC Science and Medicine Faculty President – Chloe Fielding**

***What have you done since your last report?***

- Exit Interview
- EduCom
- EDI meetings
- DiverSTEM meetings
- Disabilities Rep Forum
- SAF (as next year's Principal Ambassador)
- SAEC meeting
- Meetings with BAME Students' Network
- School Presidents' Forum
- SWAG

***What progress has been made on your manifesto?***

I've pretty much done everything on my manifesto, so I'm just finishing things up now and getting ready for handover in June.

***What do you hope to achieve by your next report?***

- This is my last report
- I'll be handing over to Sarah in June and she will take over in July
- I'll be taking over as Principal Ambassador in June

***Any events or opportunities that you would like other members to know about?***  
N/A

**Secretary to the SRC – Capri Mancini**

***What have you done since you've been elected?***

I have recorded minutes for the Joint Councils meeting and sent them to the appropriate individuals. I have met with the Chair to discuss plans for the year and rest of semester.

***What progress has been made on your manifesto?***

I am currently working on getting in touch with fellow councillors to alert them of my availability should they need my help with anything.

***What do you hope to achieve by your next report?***

I hope to have made a Facebook post regarding the upcoming SRC meeting and hopefully to have arranged a social for councillors during revision.

***Any events or opportunities that you would like other members to know about?***  
Once more properly planned, the ice-breaker councils social!

**SRC Student Health Officer – Emma Craig**

***What have you done since you've been elected?***

I have facilitated my committee discussing and approving a new Wellbeing Committee constitution, which restructures the committee and introduces a new Wellbeing Forum to create more functional and efficient spaces to work on representative- and publicity-related projects, respectively. The new constitution also includes two new positions: a Men's Representative, and the Saints Sport Wellbeing and Equality Officer to replace the current Health & Fitness Officer to facilitate communication with the AU.

***What progress has been made on your manifesto?***

I have facilitated discussion with my committee about the introduction of a Men's Rep to aid with diversity in recruitment and outreach and passed the proposed position through a vote. I have reached out to various men involved in wellbeing across the community to participate in a recruitment video I am putting together to encourage more men to apply for positions on the Wellbeing Committee.

***What do you hope to achieve by your next report?***

During the rest of the semester, I plan to:

run a successful recruitment campaign, including targeting a male demographic with the male recruitment video, and help coordinate revision-related projects, including biweekly emails with support and study resources, biweekly pomodoro sessions over Instagram live, including revision wellbeing resources in the Rector's May newsletter, and putting together a wellbeing-themed Career Matters newsletter with the Careers Centre.

Over the summer, I plan to:

meet one-on-one with each new interviewed committee member to establish expectations for the role and support them on any early project ideas, devise a new meeting minutes template as set out in my manifesto, send out a survey to interviewed members to prepare a calendar of awareness days/weeks/months for the year, and investigate the best platform to publish Wellbeing Committee meeting minutes and to publicise the agenda and that our meetings are open to all, including reviewing the information presented on our Facebook page.

***Any events or opportunities that you would like other members to know about?***  
A link went out in the Week 10 Sabbs email to sign up for the Wellbeing Committee's biweekly revision emails. We also open applications for our committee on Monday, 19 April (applications close Monday, 3 May).

**SRC Widening Access and Participation Officer – Sophie Craig**

No Report Submitted.