



Papers for Students' Representative Council

**Tuesday 6th of October
7pm - MS Teams**

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ASSOCIATION OFFICER REPORTS

Association Chair – Morgan Morris

What have I done since my last report:

- Worked with Toni and Annie to advertise councils via our social media channels.
- Organised the training series for councillors, including a got consent leadership workshop, training from sabbatical officers, and training delivered by CEED via moodle.
- Started to update the laws of the Students' Association, and this will be an on-going job for the rest of the semester.
- Scheduled all of the meetings for this session of the councils until the end of the academic year.
- Worked with the DoEd and President on the co-options for PG Development Officer and Association Alumni Officer.
- Held officers' hours with people who need to chat about councils.
- Organised a councils clothing order for Association Councils.

What progress has been made on my manifesto:

- All of this has been playing into my manifesto points of making councils more accessible, and transparent. I am still working on how to encourage more debate within councils' meetings.

What will I have done by my next report:

- Over the next few weeks the members without portfolio and I are going to be working on a social media series where we will be advertising how students can get involved in councils and how they can bring things to meetings.

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

- Follow the Association Councils social media channels on Facebook and Instagram.
- Please share the co-options for PG Development Officer and Association Alumni Officer on social media pages.

Association Alumni Officer – Vacant

Association Community Relations Officer – Anna Young

What have I done since my last report:

The 'Community Conversations' online events series is coming together and we have some collaborative meetings coming up this week with community groups interested in participating, such as the Hamish Foundation, SVS, Transition and the Environment Sub-Committee. We have also as a Committee launched a 'Favourite Places in St Andrews Campaign' on our social media channels, which has gained a positive outreach.

What progress has been made on my manifesto.

As ever the collaborative workshops and webinars we are planning address the intention of the Community Relations Sub-Committee to facilitate an inclusive and positive platform of engagement between Town and Gown.

What will I have done by my next report

By my next report, Dan and I will have had our first POLIS meeting discussing cross-party political events and voter registration. I will also have attended a team's meeting with transition regarding plans for Green Week. Additionally, I will have attended October's Community Council Meeting.

Association Environment Officer – Lea Weinman

What have I done since my last report?

- Combined Environment Subcommittee and Environment Team meeting to discuss collaboration and campaigns on Wednesday 30th of September.
- Environment Subcommittee Volunteer & Campaign Teams page is now set up and we had the first introductory meeting on Wednesday. In total over 60 people signed up to our volunteer programme.
- Fairtrade Steering Committee meeting on Thursday 1st of October
- Recorded interview from last Friday with Erik Solheim is now up on Environment Subcommittee YouTube channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ekyvw48U-ow>
- Narrated video about Line in the Sand 2.0 is now up too:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m_cPIRMvdeQ
- Radio show on topic of "Bite the Doughnut" on Thursday and recorded podcast: <https://anchor.fm/la-weimann/episodes/Bite-the-Doughnut--it-is-time-to-rethink-our-world-ekf7rq>

What progress has been made on my manifesto?

- Setting up a volunteer programme with the different campaigns to involve students across campus in the work of the Environment Subcommittee
- Collaboration and working more closely together with the University Environment Team.

What do I hope to achieve by next report?

- Supporting my different committee members in their roles and work

- Helping with planning of events and smooth running for our weekly themes
- Green Week Coordination and Planning meeting Tuesday the 6th of October.
- School Sustainability Rep Training together with University Sustainability Coordinator and members of my Subcommittee
- Next actions steps on Eco-Connect Platform

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

- Sign-up to the weekly Subcommittee mailing list:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdQ8XQFV-rnTjzLLSxtSxvMynJryaph5beDlC2HkHOKUOolg/viewform>
- Sign-up to your YouTube channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UClZwbGDNhE3FI0geO-IGMqQ>
- Please reach out with regards to collaborations
- Reach out to me and the Environment Subcommittee if your subcommittee wants to be involved in Green Week which will be in Week 8 this semester.

Association LGBT+ Officer – Georgina Beeby

What have I done since my last report?

- Organised Queerfest and Transfest applications to be extended – will be interviewed next week
- Arranged meeting with DoWell
- Our Wellbeing Subcomm and Gay Saint Subcomm have started meetings so will be doing events/posting editions, in coming weeks

What progress has been made on my manifesto?

- Continuing collaboration with peer support – potential creation of a closeted/questioning facebook group, and looking over their active listening workshop etc
- Continuing collaboration between schools: will be working with school presidents for pride in stem (and creating informative talks to give at events?)
- Have organised a meeting with DoWell to discuss better LGBT+ services for student services (specifically Trans/NB students)

What do I hope to achieve by next report?

- Have closeted/fb group up and running, and have continued working on pride in stem etc
- To have helped glitterball coordinator figure out a new purpose for subcomm now its canceled/ to have interviewed for that
- Transfest and queerfest subcomms formed
- Have a clearer idea about how student services can be best changed /reworked to include better support for LGBT+ students

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

- Nope

Association Lifelong and Flexible Learning Officer – Jenny Menday

No report submitted.

Association BAME Officer – Ananya Jain

No report submitted.

SRC REPORTS

SRC Accommodation Officer – Sophie Bickerton

Since my last report I have been dealing with a variety of issues brought to my attention such as students in halls not following the Covid Code, updating the Accommodation FAQs and how changing guidelines will impact events in halls. This week we hope to have condom reps trained in all halls and heating has been extended in halls to cover the entire day. This is to support students studying in halls for the majority of the day. I have also met with letting agents and members of the university to discuss private accommodation. Their feedback will lead to changes in the upcoming 'How to Rent' Guide. I will continue to work with Senior Students to raise any concerns they have and to ensure we keep pushing for affordable accommodation.

SRC Member for First Year – Maitreyi Tusharika

1. What have I done since my last report

The adoption form is approved (by DoWell), up, and running. I publicised it on various channels and received 200+ responses from students looking to adopt and be adopted. Tom Groves (DoES) very kindly included it in last week's Sabbatical Email top 5. I have put together a team of three (two freshers and myself) to help create graphics out of the responses. We have had over 20 posts now with many adoption successes on @standrews2024's Instagram. I also hosted an informal feedback meeting with the group of volunteers (from first year) that I put together over the summer. They have expressed some concerns that I am hoping to summarise and send across to the Sabbaticals soon.

2. What progress has been made on my manifesto?

Ensured there's a platform to help every fresher get adopted. Some societies and subcommittees continue their takeovers on @standrews2024 over the weekends. I am also encouraging study abroad students to participate in adoption.

3. What do I hope to achieve by next report?

Hopefully all the adoption graphics will be sorted, and every fresher will be satisfactorily adopted. The feedback report will receive an action plan that I hope to actively work on.

SRC Member for Gender Equality – Elise Lenzi

What have I done since my last report?

- Worked with Emma on booking space in the Union to give away more period products
- Worked with Estates to restock period products in all toilets, including many in new buildings!
- Worked with LGBT Officer and Trans/NB Officer to make progress towards making student services more inclusive and diverse
- Worked with Equally Safe group and AU President regarding strategies to tackle 'Lad Culture' at the university
 - Possibly through new updates to Got Consent Workshops and other discussion groups
 - Open to other suggestions or ideas!

What progress has been made on my manifesto?

- I guess all this stuff is progress?

What do I hope to achieve by next report?

- Updating Got Consent Workshops
- Working with SGBV group to plan for SHAG week
- Updating Help Hub on union website

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

- SHAG week!
- Also updating the Help Hub on the website and happy for other suggestions if people want things added/changed

SRC Disabilities Officer – Anna-Ruth Cockerham

What have I done since my last report?

In Week 2 the Disabled Students' Network hosted Disability Pride Week with a series of events centred around disability. I have also been working on organising the DSN interviews and EGM and advertising the open positions. I have also been working on encouraging societies and student groups to sign up for the Accessibility Pledge, and passing on feedback to the Disability Team from students. I also helped run the Disabilities Reps training for Class Reps with Amy

(DoEd), Emma (DoWell), and Chloe (Sci/Med FP). Myself and Molly started a STAR Radio show called 2 Cute 2 B Neurotypical all about disability on Thursdays at 1pm! The DSN also ran an event for SHAG Week in collaboration with Sexpression which I worked on with Jess. I have also been working on some different ways for students to raise things with me based on feedback.

What progress has been made on my manifesto?

Since my last report, I have finished Disability Pride Week with the DSN which was a major point in my manifesto. Alongside that, the Disabilities Reps are now in place and the training is finished. I am excited to see what they achieve and work with them throughout the year. I have also been researching ways to do a workshop or provide more training materials to student groups on accessibility and disability awareness based on how it is done by similar subcommittees in other students' unions.

See more details of my progress at tiny.cc/arcmanifestotracker

What do I hope to achieve by next report?

I hope to have made some progress on considering the ideal content for a workshop on accessibility and disability awareness by next report and to have put together some more advertising campaigns about disability as I outlined in my manifesto!

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

Please encourage your favourite societies and student groups to sign up for the Accessibility Pledge: yourunion.net/activities/societies/accessibility

I have had some interest from students in attending DSN meetings - they take place every Thursday from 5-6pm. Message me for the link if you'd like to join.

SRC Member for Student Health – Gabby Kryiakou

What have I done since my last report?

Over the last few weeks, the Wellbeing Subcommittee has focused on COVID concerns and isolation. We ran an event with Peer Support to give students a platform to voice their frustrations, concerns and thoughts. There are also plans in place for another Safety Takeover for the University Instagram on the 10-12th October. I am working with STAR to organise a second Wellbeing collaboration, which will be in a similar format to the Q&A panel in May.

The Subcommittee have also devised a plan to branch out to more societies/clubs that Wellbeing does not usually interact with, in order to reach more students. I spoke to the DoWell and Design Officer about branding and how to expand the team, so that we can adapt to the event-heavy nature of this year.

What progress has been made on my manifesto?

I met with Design and Marketing to establish a framework for getting the floor layouts of Union/University buildings on the website, as well as linking 'AccessAble'. We will start by uploading PDFs and have an ongoing project to make this more interactive. The Wellbeing Subcommittee's Instagram was

relaunched and there are plans for the next week to start on the 'How to/what is' series that will condense wellbeing support information.

What do I hope to achieve by next report?

I'm waiting to hear more about School Wellbeing Officers, but hopefully I will be able to start compiling a list of these. I'll also reach out to the AU about advertising their Fitness Pal scheme.

SRC Member for Widening Access and Participation – Tooba Shah

No report submitted.

Arts/Divinity Faculty President – Joe Horsnell

What have I done since my last report?

An awful lot has happened since my last report two weeks ago. The biggest areas of focus have been the Class Rep elections and the subsequent training of those reps.

Class rep elections

- We successfully managed to get a full cohort of class reps elected – thanks largely to Amy Gallagher's dedication to getting all of the issues sorted
- The elections portal presented a huge problem and will be something that needs reviewing in the coming months. Due to Covid-19, the Registry has experienced significant delays in confirming students' matriculation status, which results in a large number being unable to stand for election. In all, we manually added 78 students to the Elections Portal which was a huge logistical task for myself, Amy, Chloe and the IT Team
- On the whole, the School Presidents managed the situation well and deserve credit for the high proportion of posts which were eventually filled

An assortment of activities and meetings

- Chairing and preparing the reports for Education Committee on Thursdays
- Academic Senate meeting (Wednesday 23rd September 2020) – at which we received important updates regarding how this semester is going to look and the contingency planning conducted by the University
- Education Committee – minuted this meeting and had a lovely chat with my faculty in advance
- Met with Craig Phillips (Careers Centre) to discuss the Careers Rep training programme
- Met with the student representatives on Academic Senate to discuss the group's functioning
- Attended Class Rep training on Saturday, which ran very smoothly – kudos to Amy, Chloe and CEED for planning and making sure this ran so well!
- Meeting with the Proctor and Deans – a big discussion about the introduction of in-person teaching. I attended this with Dan (Union

President), Amy (DoEd), Chloe and Abi, alongside the direct staff electees to Senate

- Office hours with Chloe – spoke with Camiel from Chemistry, Sarah from Physics
- Coordinated and conducted class rep training for Careers Reps on Tuesday evening (5.30-7pm) with Craig Phillips. This involved creating materials from scratch due to the lack of handover on this issue from previous careers-oriented position-holders.
- Weekly catch-up with Chloe and Amy on Wednesday mornings
- Introduced the BAME Education Officer, Akshika, who will be working with us on EDI issues related to diversity (alongside Chloe and Amy)
- Attended a meeting of the Students' Association Board and the Finance subcommittee on Wednesday 30 September and Friday 25 September respectively.
- Met with the Presidents on SPAG for an introduction to the group and agenda-setting
- Convened the first SPAG meeting on Thursday 1 October with Craig Phillips

More broadly speaking, I have spent a bit of time dealing with School President queries on an ad hoc basis and preparing the training session for the Careers Reps. This training went rather well (and kept to time!) and I'm hoping that these reps get in touch with their Presidents/Convenors in due course for the survey results. I also prepared the agendas for Education Committee and the School Presidents Advisory Group, both happening on Thursday.

Aside from these specifically Faculty President-related jobs, I've been meeting regularly with the Sabbatical Team in relation to the Students Association Board and management of the Union.

Student outreach via social media

EduCom also now has a Facebook page, for which I have prepared the graphics – we officially published this page on Tuesday this week so please share it with your cohorts online. We are looking into an Instagram account to reach first year students (apparent Facebook is *so last year!*)

What progress has been made on my manifesto?

I am inching closer to achieving progress on careers-related matters. We reintroduced the School President Advisory Group (Careers) – aka SPAG – this week, at which School Presidents shared their thoughts and opinions on the Careers Centre.

Beyond this, my main focus over the last two weeks has been centred on some of my statutory responsibilities rather than manifesto goals.

What do I hope to achieve by next report?

I hope to have some updates regarding EDI in our curriculums, stemming from my work with the Faculty Leads for EDI in Science/Arts, Chloe and Akshika who is the new BAME Education Officer.

Additionally, we should have all of the class rep expansion pack trainings completed by my next report.

Other councillors should be aware of:

- The new Your Union Education Committee Facebook page – please can councillors share and plug this important new tool for communicating with students on academic representation!
- The Careers Fayres which are taking place in early October, run by the Careers Centre

Science/Medicine Faculty President – Chloe Fielding

What have I done since my last report?

- Set SWAG and Disabilities Rep Forum dates and finalised the final details for both groups
- Chaired/minuted EduCom (alternating with Joe)
- Had regular meetings with Amy and Joe
- Met the BAME Education Officer and discussed plans for the year
- Met with Amy, Joe, Dan and Abi to discuss how students can be better represented at Senate
- Attended class Rep training
- Organised and attended Disabilities Rep training (with several others councillors)
- Did lots of admin (answering emails, making agendas, sorting out minutes etc)
- Had weekly office hours with Joe, and helped SPs
- Supported SPs with their projects
- Attended Academic Senate
- Had a meeting with Proctor, student reps, and other elected members of Senate to discuss the introduction of in-person teaching
- Attended the Wellbeing in Halls working group
- Had a catch-up meeting with EDI Faculty Staff Leads
- Worked with Adam Welstead on the wellbeing officer role, as well as on SWAG
- EduCom now has a new FB page (and soon, an Insta) – credits to Joe for the fab graphics

What progress has been made on my manifesto?

- Implementation of SWAG is complete with help from Amy
- Disabilities Reps are trained and ready to go (big thanks to Amy and Anna-Ruth)
- Started working on improving the wellbeing officer role with Adam
- Worked with Amy, Joe, Dan and Abi to ensure the student voice was heard regarding the intro to in-person teaching

What do I hope to achieve by next report?

- Have agendas for SWAG and Disabilities Rep Forum
- Prepare for School Presidents' Forum
- Have office hours, EduCom meetings and catch up meetings as usual
- Attend the Psychology and Neuroscience EDI meeting
- Try and get class reps for ID modules that need them

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

- Please go like our new FB page!

SRC Postgraduate Academic Convener – Abigail Whitefield

What have I done since my last report?

I have been raising postgraduate students, including PGR tutors, concerns about dual-mode delivery at a variety of meetings. I have also been assisting with the class rep elections. All PGT positions are now filled. PGR elections are still taking place. I have been welcoming new PGT reps into their role and trying to improve communication with these students.

What progress has been made on my manifesto?

I've helped to improve the election process for reps and have also ensured communication has been improved. I've also provided a postgraduate voice on a variety of issues.

What do I hope to achieve by next report?

I hope to assist and encourage increased clarity over decision-making regarding online/ in-person teaching. I want to ensure every postgraduate student is able to feel comfortable with the methods of teaching chosen for them. I hope to have a full team of postgraduate class reps elected.

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

Nothing other than encouraging PGRs to run in the PGR Class Rep elections.

SRC Postgraduate Development Officer – VACANT

Principal Ambassador – Kate MacLachlan

- What have I done since my last report?

Since my last report we have recruited around 175 new Student Ambassadors. We completed virtual training for all new Ambassadors as well as returning Ambassadors. We also held our first virtual visiting day of the year which was hugely successful and has received great feedback. Our daily talk and tour sessions have been continuing and we have been engaging in a variety of visitor experience and widening access projects.

- What progress has been made on my manifesto?

N/A

- What do I hope to achieve by next report?

We will be continuing with our virtual visiting days over the next few weeks with 4 more UG days planned and 1 PG day planned. On top of this we will be continuing our visitor experience work with daily student Q&As. Our Widening Access work will be continuing with tutoring and mentoring taking place.

Rector's Assessor – Papa Obeng

No report submitted.

SRC Member Without Portfolio – Annie Smith

What have I done since my last report?

Since my last report, I have maintained the Councils Instagram, made a graphic for the SSC meeting this week, and created a Pub Quiz for a Councils social! I also created Facebook albums to help Toni make a carrd.io for Councils social media.

What progress has been made on my manifesto?

Kept students informed via Facebook & Instagram, and got a shout-out to Councils social media in the Sabb email

What do I hope to achieve by next report?

Launch a carrd.io with Toni and possibly plan new campaign like our Meet Your Councillors series to keep students engaged with our social media, particularly Instagram

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

Just keep sharing the social media posts and inviting your friends to like the Facebook page!