



University of St Andrews Students' Association Student Services Council

AGENDA

Tuesday 25th of October 2016 - Committee Room - 6.00 pm

- 1. Adoption of the Agenda**
- 2. Apologies for Absence**
- 3. Adoption of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
- 4. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
- 5. Open Forum**
- 6. Reports of Sabbatical Officers**
 - 6.1. Report of the Association President
 - 6.2. Report of the Association Director of Representation
 - 6.3. Report of the Athletic Union President
 - 6.4. Report of the Association Director of Events & Services
 - 6.5. Report of the Association Director of Student Development & Activities
- 7. Questions for Subcommittees**
 - 7.1. Questions for Association Alumni Committee
 - 7.2. Questions for Association Community Relations Committee
 - 7.3. Questions for Association Environment Committee
 - 7.4. Questions for Association LGBT Committee
 - 7.5. Questions for Association Equal Opportunities Committee
 - 7.6. Questions for SSC Postgraduate Committee
 - 7.7. Questions for SSC Broadcasting Committee
 - 7.8. Questions for SSC Charities Committee
 - 7.9. Questions for SSC Entertainments Committee
 - 7.10. Questions for SSC Employability Committee
 - 7.11. Questions for SSC Debates Committee
 - 7.12. Questions for SSC Design & PR Committee
 - 7.13. Questions for SSC Music Committee
 - 7.14. Questions for SSC Performing Arts Committee
 - 7.15. Questions for SSC Societies Committee
 - 7.16. Questions for SSC Volunteering Committee
 - 7.17. Questions for SSC On The Rocks Committee
 - 7.18. Any Other Competent Questions
- 8. Unfinished General Business**
- 9. New General Business**

10. Collaborative Solutions

11. Any Other Competent Business

SSC REPORTS

Association Alumni Officer-Rebecca Ryce

Nothing to Report

Association Community Relations Officer- Aine Bennett

I went to the Bicycle User Group last Monday which led to a meeting with the University's Cycling Officer today about starting a lights campaign involving posters, social media and events.

I have been part of the Community Council's Facebook working group, showing them the advantages of having and ways to use a Facebook page – which should hopefully lead to them setting one up and therefore engaging with a whole new section of the town.

The Raisin campaign we ran with Wellbeing and Member for first year seems to have been successful – I had a meeting with the Discipline Officer yesterday and all types of incident are down on last year.

The Community Council coffee morning provided an opportunity for a few of my committee to meet with locals.

Association Environment Officer- Mariva Simeonova

Currently working on the Environmental Policy for the Student Association and the food survey in halls. I met with up with ABH's new Environmental Hall Rep for induction. Looking into potential debate topics for Semester 2. I am also organising a film screening of the documentary the 'True Cost' during Fairtrade Fortnight in Semester 2, 6th March, 6:30pm, Studio @Byre Theatre.

Association LGBT Officer-Lewis Wood

NO REPORT SUBMITTED

Association Equal Opportunities Officer- Robert Aston

NO REPORT SUBMITTED

SSC Broadcasting Officer- Charlotte Flatley

- Our podcasting issues have been resolved and broadcasting continued throughout ILW

- By the time we have our Councils meeting, STAR x MiL will have hosted another Live Lounge (20/10/16) in Rector's Café

- STAR's music magazine, Hearing Aid, has been shortlisted for the 2016 Stack Awards for Student Magazine of the Year!!

- We are currently organizing our buddy-system, and radio show hosts will soon be paired with individual committee members

SSC Charities Officer-Kristen Tsubota

General

We are in the works of creating a Christmas Fayre. If anyone wants to help out (collaborations anyone?) hit me up! We are interested in getting in as many people through the door as possible.

We will be presenting our cheque to last year's three nominated charities on the 30th of October! It would be great to see everyone there to witness this amazing moment.

Masquerave

Have you bought your tickets yet? Why not do a bonding with the whole committee and at least come to 601 for only £3? It's going to be such a fun night, and it's all in the name of charity! You can also come enjoy some sangria or some awesome themed food at the Balgove!

Race2

Most of the Race2 slots have been filled, but there are a few slots left! (Did I hear a Council's Race2 team?) A committee member is designing a new safety update system, which is really exciting.

RAG Week

Catwalk will be having a Launch Night on the 28th of October! Come support our very own fashion show!

SSC Employability Officer-Francis Newman

Two weeks ago I held the Employability Reps training, in which I explained their roles and we explored some of the different types of events reps may be able to hold over the coming months. We are particularly keen to have cross-departmental events, the idea being that these are more likely to be useful to students who aren't planning to go into academia/research within the bounds of their academic subjects.

Following on from that I am now working with school presidents to encourage the reps to set concrete dates for these plans. I've also sent around a survey template to school presidents so that they can learn from students within their schools exactly how people perceive the Careers centre, and how employability services could be tailored to better suit student needs.

The Employathon is ongoing as of today (Thursday), but I was there were a decent number of participants who signed up.

In the near future we're looking forward to a new project - working with Charities and SVS to possibly hold a Third Sector Careers Fayre, which might hopefully attract a different type of student to those that normally come to careers events!

SSC Debates Officer- Beckie Thomas

This has been a successful couple of weeks for the UDS. Our last two public debates have been full houses (This House would abolish the monarchy and This House would assassinate President Trump) and we have some exciting debates coming up later in the semester, including our annual collaboration with Blind Mirth for Halloween (This House Believes That Voldemort was misunderstood) and our collaboration with the LGBT subcommittee (This House Believes that Caitlin Jenner is a positive force for the LGBT movement).

Moreover we achieved excellent results two weekends ago at the Edinburgh Cup where our Worlds B team broke to the semi-finals, two judges broke and one of our chief whips was a chief adjudicator for the competition. Our freshers came incredibly high on the novice tabs, which bodes well for future competitions in the year. Last week we hosted our Cubs competition for students in their first year of debating and the final for that on Thursday.

At the moment the society is working on our Schools competition (one of the largest in Scotland) and a Christmas alumni fundraiser.

SSC Design Team Convener-Taylor Almeraz NO REPORT SUBMITTED

SSC Entertainments Convener- Hannah Jacobs

Nothing in particular to report, except that the whole building Halloween is coming up, and planning is underway.

SSC Member without Portfolio- Jamie Minns
NO REPORT SUBMITTED

SSC Music Officer- Alasdair Milne

We are continuing to run successful student music events. We are in the process of ordering some additional recording equipment to support student musicians. We are planning to run an event at the Vineyard Center, and if that is successful then maybe more!

SSC Arts Festival Convenor- Lottie Haswell-West

Our event applications are still open. We have now set a separate deadline for all Byre events applying, so we can get them programmed in before the winter break. We also have our new committee photos that are up on facebook and soon our website.

We have submitted a template programme to the Byre to further secure OTR's slots in the Byre during the festival. We are still in contact with the Scottish Arts Club and endeavouring to collaborate with them for the festival.

Good progress is being made on our First Semester Event, MUSA: Deadlier Things, that will be going up 7th November at MUSA on the Scores.

SSC Performing Arts Officer- Annabel Ekelund

Mermaids has been going great these best few weeks. We have had two shows since the last SSC meeting, *Standing on Ceremony* and *Death and the Maiden*, which both went tremendously well. Last Friday and Saturday, our fourth show, *Atlas*, went up in the Barron. Congratulations to Lottie, who produced the show! Tonight and tomorrow at the Byre Theatre, *Blood Brothers* goes up at 7:30 pm! This is very exciting as it is Mermaids first Byre show of the year. Please come along and support this talented team!

At the end of the week on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 pm, *Sacrifice* will be performed in the Barron, so definitely come along to that as well! This a week full of theatre so please come join in.

Blind Mirth still has a weekly show every Monday at 8 pm in the Barron. The Just So Society is having their annual Rocky Horror Picture Show screening at the Byre Theatre on the 30th and 31st of this month, so please go purchase your tickets to that! Also, please keep an eye out on the Inklight, Comedy Soc, A Capella, OpSoc and Gilbert and Sullivan Society facebook pages for upcoming events.

SSC Postgraduate Officer- Ariana Brighenti
NO REPORT SUBMITTED

SSC Societies Officer- Pia Szabo

Socs has been wrapping up the affiliation process with over 150 societies and has given almost £5 000 in grants.

We are still encouraging societies to apply for grants of all kinds (tell your friends on society committees)!

We also recently held a meeting for all the medical societies to see how future medical societies can collaborate with current ones.

SSC Volunteering Officer-Sarah Rodway-Swanson

- Settling in to the semester. Volunteers started on most projects. Working on PVG applications which always take a bit longer to get going. On committee we have a new member - a Project Officer for Poppy Club. Poppy Club was founded a year and a half ago by our Befriending Project Officer at the time in conjunction with the Botanical Gardens. In order to keep the project sustainable and with the same momentum we made the decision to bring in a specific Project Officer this year. We will see how this goes for future years. We are still working on our plans for Give Back Weekend: 11th-14th November. Look out for publicity and things regarding that.