



University of St Andrews Students' Association Student Services Council

AGENDA

Tuesday 3rd October 2017- Committee Room - 6.00 pm

1. Adoption of the Agenda

2. Apologies for Absence

- 2.1. Natasha Bateman
- 2.2. Tom Abbott

3. Open Forum

4. Reports of Sabbatical Officers

- 2.1. Report of the Association President
- 2.2. Report of the Association Director of Education
- 2.3. Report of the Association Director of Wellbeing
- 2.4. Report of the Athletic Union President
- 2.5. Report of the Association Director of Events & Services
- 2.6. Report of the Association Director of Student Development & Activities

5. Questions for Subcommittees

- 3.1. Questions for Association Alumni Committee
- 3.2. Questions for Association Community Relations Committee
- 3.3. Questions for Association Environment Committee
- 3.4. Questions for Association LGBT+ Committee
- 3.5. Questions for SSC Postgraduate Committee
- 3.6. Questions for SSC Broadcasting Committee
- 3.7. Questions for SSC Charities Committee
- 3.8. Questions for SSC Entertainments Committee
- 3.9. Questions for SSC Employability Committee
- 3.10. Questions for SSC Debates Committee
- 3.11. Questions for SSC Design & PR Committee
- 3.12. Questions for SSC Music Committee
- 3.13. Questions for SSC Performing Arts Committee
- 3.14. Questions for SSC Societies Committee
- 3.15. Questions for SSC Volunteering Committee
- 3.16. Questions for SSC On The Rocks Committee
- 3.17. Questions for SSC Member without Portfolio
- 3.18. Any Other Competent Questions

6. Unfinished General Business

7. New General Business

8. Any Other Competent Business

9. Collaborative Solutions

SSC REPORTS

Association Alumni Officer-Sam Ross

- have conducted interviews and recruited for fantastic shiny new alumni subcommittee
- have started to distribute fabulous new alumni committee pens among everyone (whether they want one or not)
- organising and planning for a drop in session with Morag Fraser, to ensure people know how to sign up to Saint Connect for the mentoring scheme
- met with new Alumni Festival Planning group (yay!)

Association Community Relations Officer- Hannah Raleigh

Plans for the St Andrews Day Festival are ongoing but have made great headway in the last week (we have secured the St Andrews Wine Company to sell mulled wine, yay!) and are in the process of contacting other local businesses to gauge their interest in hosting stands. Societies will be contacted within the next few weeks. In the meantime, we will be part of a team launching a Raisin Weekend health & safety/awareness campaign, co-hosting a beach cleanup with SVS as a part of their Giving Back Weekend (12 October), coordinating with the Environment Subcommittee for possible collaborations during their Green Week, and coordinating with Populus to establish community coffee mornings (held in the Mansfield every other Wednesday; the first will be 11 October from 12-2). In other exciting news, our subcommittee had its first official meeting last week, and will be rounded out by next week with the selection of a Freshers' Officer, for which applications were released after the Freshers' Fayre. Busy times ahead, but if you want to get involved/have ideas for other events, please reach out!

Association Environment Officer- Clare Grist

The environment subcommittee has been very busy the past two weeks organising Green Week. We still have some time for other societies to get involved so, if you're interested don't hesitate to send us an email but please let us know by week 5. Keep a look out for some other of our smaller events on our Facebook page.

Association LGBT+ Officer-Ryan Hay

Queer Question Time with UDS was really good, and Ru and I will be debriefing soon to work out how the next teams can make it even better! Collaborating on this one pushed us both out of our comfort zones and I think something really positive came out of that.

Big news about the Saints LGBT+ fronds! We're one of the oldest LGBT+ groups in Scotland (we're older than Stonewall!). So we're starting plans for our 40th Birthday Party

EGM is upcoming - send your friends to run for publicity/first year officer/postgraduate officer

We're working away on plans for the BIG events - get keen for TransFest/Glitterball/dRAG Walk

ALSO I'm really really excited about Pangea? Get in touch with Equal Opps if your Subcommittee wants to get involved because plans are starting to fall into place now!

SSC Broadcasting Officer- Flora Rowe

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SSC Charities Officer-Jamie Minns

On the Thursday following Joint Councils a fortnight ago, we held Rave2, with the hope of using the funds of that particular event to bring down the entry price of Race2 as a whole. Ticket sales were a success and we are pleased to announce that we have been able to decrease Race2 entry price from £60 to £55 following the success of the event. We are looking into the feasibility of organising such events in aid of the three nominated charities in the future. It is also worth noting that the required sponsorship for racers is set at £200 per racer – an increase from last year's minimum of £150. This is still less compared other university's hitchhikes (e.g. Edinburgh's Race2 Paris has a min sponsorship of £250). It is important to note that everything raised in sponsorship goes directly to the charities – the £55 covers all costs (2 nights at the hostel, transportation at the beginning of the race, racer packs, 24/7 safety team etc). Race2Barcelona ticket sales are happening in the 601 foyer, Thursday 5th October from 6:30pm.

Next Thursday is our Cheque Presentation. Representatives from each of the 2016/2017 charities are due to be coming to St Andrews next week – Thursday 5th Oct, 5pm, Beacon Bar. It would be great to see you all along!

Our EGM is on 9th October! We are looking for a Postgraduate Coordinator to sit on the Charities Executive Committee (the only executive committee vacancy right now) and 5 other general committee positions, from sports officer to mascot officer.

Asides from that a quick round up of other snippets of charities news – RAG Week preparation is going very well, CATWALK have selected all of this years models, Charitable Society Presidents are having their round table meeting on the 8th October with Niamh, the Charitable Societies Coordinator, myself and Pia, the Hamilton Shield Halls fundraising league is due to go live very soon and I have had some very exciting meetings.

SSC Employability Officer-Pat Shareefy

Contacted careers. Meeting with them next week.

Met with Charlotte and Zach to discuss the position in more depth.

Released application for sub committee

SSC Debates Officer- Ru Ferguson

Another busy week for the UDS. We held our competitive debating trials for Mexico Worlds and selected our teams. Our weekly training sessions continue to pack the large rehearsal room.

We also held a collaborative event with LGBT+. It was a great success on the night, and LGBT+ deserve most of the credit for making it happen.

SSC Design Team Convener – Paloma Paige

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SSC Entertainments Convener- Antonia Wade

Ents has been getting back into the swing of the regular cycle of events. We have reset the venue back to normal after the hires and we are looking into adapting old equipment for club use. We had our first social last Wednesday with our first training session planned for Saturday 30th September.

Our EGM is being held on October 11th at 8pm in the Meeting Room to acquire a new Social Secretary for Ents Crew.

Can everyone please remind their committee and affiliated societies planning an event in the Union to please attend Ents Users Meeting at 1pm every Wednesday in the Meeting Room.

SSC Member without Portfolio- Kevin Phelan

Nothing new, I'm available for help as needed! Another social in the works!

SSC Music Officer- Marcell Kovacs

We've had our first open mic on Wednesday and it was very successful. We're looking into organising an open mic together with Wellbeing. And lastly, we're going to have our AGM on the 18th of October at 18:00, location TBC.

SSC Arts Festival Convenor- Sneha Nair

Summary:

- Begin Sponsorship meetings
- Began applying for grants (received provisional confirmation for Union grant)
- Began drafts of Patron letters for Patron Pack & Pass onto Development Office
- Fresher's Fayre was a success!
- Looking for venues and contacting student societies for Semester 1 Event
- Continue brainstorming ideas for OTR-run and Community & Outreach Festival events
- Contacted community groups throughout St Andrews to create Community and Outreach Events
- Spoke with student publications and produced several articles to promote subcommittee applications and Event Applications
- Held committee teambuilding activity with CAPOD
- Subcommittee Applications closed for Press, Venues & Tech, Community & Outreach, Events, Art OTR Coordinator, and Marketing & Design teams
- Held Subcommittee interviews over the weekend
- Opened Event Applications
- Began Programming Office Hours (3-5pm, Wednesdays in the Main Bar)

Plans:

- Send out subcommittee interview results to applicants by end of week 3
- Put out press releases and Exec committee interviews for Event Applications (September 25th-November 19th)
- Continue searching for new sponsors and applying for grants
- Plan first aid and mental health training workshops
- Attend subcommittee head training
- Continue developing Patron pack
- Finish Sponsorship pack by the end of the week
- Community and Outreach will continue reaching out to community groups
- Start meetings with societies about Festival deadlines
- Plan Green Week Event
- Continue putting together Semester 1 Event
- Continue planning events for the Festival (6 April-15 April 2018)
- Continue Programming Office Hours

SSC Performing Arts Officer- Matthew Lansdell

Mermaids has had an excellent start to the year and the rest of the semester looks to be equally promising. All our shows have had successful auditions with our first show, Spark, going up in week 3! I have been working to make clear the relationship between Mermaids and groups we call “student projects” and am working to get this relationship in writing in our constitution in the coming months. We have been planning the Mermaids 100th anniversary and passed a new Barron show to go in this slot. We are also working as a committee to establish and maintain a precedents document in order to allow future committees to learn from our experiences and decisions. Finally we now have a Christmas Ball Executive committee!

SSC Postgraduate Officer- Jennifer Bre

Our EGM is held on Monday 2nd of October and we hope to have a full committee for our first –new- committee meeting on the 3rd. As Postgrad seem really keen on coming to events this year and it is a lot of work to organise them for 1 events convenor we are thinking to change our constitution and elect a 2nd events convenor. We will discuss that after the EGM, depending on how many people will run for all positions and what kind of dynamic we can have with the new committee.

A couple of SSC members contacted me last week as they want PG to be more involved in their committees. PG usually tend to feel those are more for undergrad students and feel excluded. I want to propose to any SSC officers, who wants to change that, to work more closely together. Every Monday I send an email to all PG students and I could make a subcom section, with their description, events etc. We could also do events together, any ideas are welcome.

SSC Societies Officer-Pia Szabo

The Societies committee did six hours of training on Friday to train presidents and treasurers from our 150+ societies.

We also had our first meeting. We okay'ed a bunch of new societies to start the affiliation process and granted over £800 already.

SSC Volunteering Officer-Natasha Bateman

Our applications closed on Friday 22nd, and I am happy to day that we had over 230 applicants for our 40 different volunteering opportunities. On Monday 25th we had our decision meeting, where the Project Officers and I allocated applicants to volunteering projects. This coming week we have our volunteer training, which is split into three sessions to cater to the different requirements of our projects: Dementia Awareness training, Child and Adult Protection training and general training (for our community, animal and environment projects). After training, most volunteers shall be able to get started on their projects, which is very exciting!

In terms of events, we had a social this Sunday, entitled Grub Crawl- a food version of a pub crawl, where we traversed around different committee members houses for each course. We are also in the final stages of planning our ‘Give Back Weekend’ (Friday 13th- Monday 16th October)- please do come along to these events and support us! So far, we have...

- Thursday 12th: Beach Clean
- Friday 13th: Third Sectors Career Talk, and networking drinks afterwards.
- Saturday 14th: Bacon Butty delivery (fundraising) and ‘Act of Kindness Tree’ outside union

- Sunday 15th: Nightline Collab- 'Writing Letters to Strangers'
- Monday 16th: Families First game night and Amnesty International Collab: petition-signing
- Tuesday 17th: Guide-dog Collab: go and cuddle dogs!
- Wednesday 18th: Botanics 'give-it-a-go'
- Throughout the week there will also be a food collection point in the Union and we have created a buzzfeed volunteering quiz- please give it a go and find which project you should be volunteering in!

Finally, Storehouse have a 'Give Away Day' this Thursday 5th from 9:45-10:45am and they need volunteers- if you're free please pop along and help our local foodbank!