



University of St Andrews Students' Association Student Services Council

AGENDA

Tuesday 4th April 2017- 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 SSC Postgraduate Committee
 - 7.6. Questions for SSC Broadcasting Committee
 - 7.7. Questions for SSC Charities Committee
 - 7.8. Questions for SSC Entertainments Committee
 - 7.9. Questions for SSC Employability Committee
 - 7.10. Questions for SSC Debates Committee
 - 7.11. Questions for SSC Design & PR Committee
 - 7.12. Questions for SSC Music Committee
 - 7.13. Questions for SSC Performing Arts Committee
 - 7.14. Questions for SSC Societies Committee
 - 7.15. Questions for SSC Volunteering Committee
 - 7.16. Questions for SSC On The Rocks Committee
 - 7.17. Questions for SSC Member without Portfolio
 - 7.18. Any Other Competent Questions
- 8. Unfinished General Business**
- 9. New General Business**
- 10. Any Other Competent Business**
- 11. Collaborative Solutions**

SSC REPORTS

Association Alumni Officer-Sam Ross

In my first few days as Association Alumni Officer I've been working on the Alumni Festival Weekend. If all societies who are holding events could create a Facebook event (if they haven't already) then that would be great, and the same applies for any subcomms. I've also got some extra people for the mentor scheme which is great, and have submitted a reformed subcom structure to Ru to look over, prior to recruitment after AFW. Make sure and take a look at what we have on offer this alumni [festival](#) as its set to be amazing!

Association Community Relations Officer- Hannah Raleigh

We are hard at work already planning for a May Dip Safety & Awareness campaign in collaboration with the St Andrews British Red Cross Group (SABRCG), and are gearing up for another coffee morning with the St Andrews Community Council on 8 April. This event is open to students and residents alike, and all St Andreans are encouraged to come out and meet new people. We are also now taking applications for the Community Relations Committee for the next year.

Association Environment Officer- Clare Grist

Nothing to report!

Association LGBT Officer-Ryan Hay

We had our AGM - there were over 70 voters, and lots of competition for positions. I'm really really excited by the turn-out and the new committee will set us up for an amazing year. A huge thank you to Jack, Charlotte and Caroline for making it run so so smoothly. Committee handovers are underway, and we'll have a fully functional new committee by Wednesday. We have a feedback coffee morning on 8th April at 11:30 am in Beacon - come along and have your input on what we get up to next year before we submit out budgets.

This week we had a successful movie screening of *Blue Is the Warmest Colour* in the Small Rehearsal Room, and Friday was trans awareness day. We ran our first ever awareness day Facebook campaign - we got lots of interest, and we'll definitely look at working this into our awareness days in the future with the new Campaigns Officer.

Next week we're working with the AU to make the last sinners of the semester a Rainbow Laces Sinners, and we'll be running an information campaign around the event too! Keep an eye out - I'm really excited about how this is going to help us reach new people.

SSC Broadcasting Officer- Flora Rowe

STAR committee applications have just been closed and at the beginning of week 9 we are holding the interviews. The committee should have been elected by Tuesday 4th April, just in time for the Hearing Aid launch. I am hoping to invite both old and new committee to the event before the first joint committee meeting on Wednesday. In the next couple of weeks, the committee handover should be taking place.

The main focus after this is getting organised with the STAR awards and nominating shows as well as getting a good concept to get lots of people attending. This will be one of the first tasks for the new committee as well as setting next years budget and getting our summer tasks sorted.

SSC Charities Officer-Jamie Minns

This part of the semester is always a very busy time for the Charities Campaign, and this year is no exception! On 8th April, the Charities Campaign will be holding its annual bungee jump in Killiecrankie. On 17th April, we will be holding our AGM, with interviews for some

positions on our executive committee occurring at the end of week 10. In preparation for the AGM, the outgoing executive committee has voted unanimously in favour of merging the positions of “Events Coordinator” and “Special Events Coordinator” (previously known as Ball Coordinator) and creating an Events Team. We hope this change of structure will allow for more Charities Campaign events across the year and not concentrate so much effort into one individual event. The Race2 committee is also being restructured, which is why our AGM Facebook event is going out late. To restructure two of our three subcommittees is a large undertaking! We hope that a large profile picture marketing campaign should make up for the delay in launching the event! Charity nominations for our three charities for 2017/2018 has now closed. Nearly 60 different good causes have been nominated! The voting for our three nominated charities will begin very soon – stay tuned to our Facebook page for more details. Some of the nominated charities will be present at our Summer Fayre on 12th April. We also have an event coming up for the Alumni Weekend! The Campaign is organizing an alumni ceilidh on 14th April. We are also starting to receive news on how much some of our events have raised this year! Race2Prague raised an impressive £30,756.04 and Catwalk raised just under £10,000. In addition to this, we were so happy to find out that all of the money raised at DRA Ball this year will be going to the Campaign’s three nominated charities. This is an incredibly busy time to be involved with the Campaign, but also very very exciting!

SSC Employability Officer-Pat Shareefy

This week I have got in touch with the Francis Newman (The previous employability officer) and have asked to arrange a meeting, so that the transition into this position can be easier and more effective.

I have also emailed the carers centre and am setting up a meeting with the staff to have a chat about the work over this previous year and discuss the ideas I have for next year. I will also be contacting CAPOD.

SSC Debates Officer- Ru Ferguson

Nothing to report!

SSC Design Team Convener-Taylor Almarez

Running applications for a new Convener!

SSC Entertainments Convener- Antonia Wade

Nothing to report!

SSC Member without Portfolio- Kevin Phelan

I have been busy meeting and planning with the SRC Member Without Portfolio about our first upcoming Council’s social. Since it was hard to coordinate a booking last minute, we have decided to get everyone to go to the Union Pub Quiz on Sunday night! We are planning something a little more structured and substantial in the weeks after! Aside from that, it’s AGM season, and I have been trying to make it to all the sub-com AGMs as a way to get to know the societies and committees a little bit better! I figure this is a good way to get more integrated and involved. So far I have only been to LGBT’s, with more to follow soon! Overall, It has been an exciting, busy few weeks, and I can’t wait to see what the rest of the semester brings!

SSC Music Officer- Marcell Kovacs

On Tuesday I’ve sat down with the current heads of the Music is Love committee to discuss the handover and the future of the subcommittee. They explained the current situation, the shortcomings of this year and made suggestions for future improvement. We agreed in most

topics, and I really valued their input. Consequently, I'm going to meet with Hannah (incoming DoES) in the upcoming weeks to talk about next year's agenda. I've also organised the AGM, which is going to take place on the 10th of April, Beacon Bar @ 19:00.

SSC Arts Festival Convenor- Lottie Haswell-West

OTR has been having a great second semester. We had a successful and popular programme launch at the Adamson managing to show off some of the talent that will be performing during the festival, as well as our 2017 programme.

The last few weeks we have been reaching out to promote the festival. A presentation to Tourism St Andrews yielded great results and a wider reach in the community. We have also been sending programmes to the principal and the proctor. We got in contact with the University Press office who was able to distribute our press release widely and organised a photocall for us. We are also looking forward to taking over the Union and the University's Instagram through the festival.

On The Rocks 2017 (31st March - 9th April) has started! We are looking forward to seeing people enjoy the next 10 days! With over 40 events throughout the 10 days, we are thrilled with the festival that have put together this year. Everyone working on the festival and on the events occurring throughout has worked so incredibly hard. We encourage everyone to come out and enjoy the festival, supporting any and all events and performances that they can!

SSC Performing Arts Officer- Matthew Lansdell

Although I have not yet technically assumed the role of Mermaids president, I have been working closely with Annabel this past week as part of my handover. The rest of the committee is also preparing to hand over, as our interviews and AGM approaches. If you know anyone who would be interested in being on Mermaids committee, please tell them to check out the AGM Facebook page. Mermaids has three shows going up in the On The Rocks festival: Lemons Lemons Lemons Lemons, King Lear and Gagarin Way. Make sure you check the OTR program for more details regarding timing and venues! We continue to plan our 100th celebrations for the next academic year and have had very positive responses from previous Mermaids going back to the early 50s! Our annual Golden Seashells ceremony is also being planned and the event has gone up on Facebook.

SSC Postgraduate Officer- Jennifer Bre

We've organised a big event on the 8th of April, Charity Casino night, aimed at the Postgrads but open to everyone.

AGM will be held on the 20th of April, positions available are treasurer and marketing according to our constitution. Constitution which might actually be modified soon to change the date of when we elect which positions and eventually add 2 members without portfolio as we are getting bigger and do many more events than before in this subcommittee.

SSC Societies Officer-Pia Szabo

Socs is in the middle of planning Soc Awards, our AGM and Prom Bop. That's right, Prom Bop.

As usual, we've been affiliating new societies and granting grants. It's also the start of AGM season so our elections officer has been busy tracking down all of the societies' AGMs.

SSC Volunteering Officer-Natasha Bateman

SVS (St Andrews Voluntary Service) are currently focused on recruiting the 2017-18 committee, by Tuesday applications for our interviewed positions shall have closed and most of the interviews shall have taken place. Our AGM has been booked- 7pm at Beacon Bar on

Tuesday 11th – if you're free please pop along! Committee role handovers are also nearly complete and hopefully Sarah shall have them all by this weekend. Volunteer projects are carrying on smoothly with no major changes.