



University of St Andrews Students' Association Student Services Council

MINUTES

Tuesday 10 November – Committee Room – 6 pm

Present

Member's Name	Position
Charlotte Andrews	Association Alumni Officer
Zara Evans	Association Chair
Clare Armstrong	Association Community Relations Officer
Chris MacRae	Association Director of Events and Services
Kyle Blain	Association Director of Student Development and Activities
Alice Pickthall	Association Environment and Ethics Officer
Sigrid Jorgensen	Association LGBT Officer
Pat Matthewson	Association President
Sarah Thompson	Athletic Union President
Amy Christison	SSC Charities Officer
Lavin Ge Tian	SSC Entertainments Convenor
Tierney Riordan	SSC External Funding Officer
Annabel Romanos	SSC Member without Portfolio
Ipek Ozsoy	SSC Music Officer
Caroline Christie	SSC On the Rocks Convener
Jo Bowman	SSC Performing Arts Officer
Aline Heyerick	SSC Postgraduate Officer
Robert Dixon	SSC Societies Officer
Julian Valladares Urruela	SSC Volunteering Officer

In Attendance

Ilaria Gidoro	Education and Representation Co-ordinator (Minutes)
Annie Newman	Rector's Assessor

Absent

Member's Name	Position
Bruce Kerr	SSC Broadcasting Officer
Joe Tantillo	Association Director of Representation

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted without dissent.

2. Apologies for Absence

Member's Name	Position	Reason
Alyssa Muzyk	SSC Debates Officer	
Karla McDougall	SSC Design Team Convener	

The apologies were accepted without dissent.

3. Adoption of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting would be circulated by email.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

N/A

5. Open Forum

There was nothing in the open forum.

6. Reports of the Sabbatical Officers

6.1 Report of the Athletic Union President

Ms Thompson reported that she had a productive meeting with the Proctor and that the redevelopment of the Sports Centre will be finished in December.

6.2 Report of the Association Director of Events and Services

Mr MacRae reported that the PR team was up and running. British Got Talent will be in town on November 26. He was also working on Re-freshers' week.

6.3 Report of the Association Director of Representation

Mr Tantillo was absent.

6.4 Report of the Association Director of Student Development & Activities

Mr Blain mentioned that the re-affiliation deadline had passed. The Student Project Fund saw some slowdown in the number of applications. He will have a few interviews soon in order to discuss funding applications. Mr Blain recommended officers make an appointment with the Cash Office in advance if they need it. Lastly, applications for Scott Lang would open soon, and he was looking for a committee.

6.5 Report of the Association President

Ms Mathewson would meet the principal selection committee on the following day. He also attended an event to discuss the rectorial election cycle. There will be an EGM on Wednesday to elect the spokespeople of the Yes campaign team for the NUS Referendum. There was a dinner that evening with locals and the Community Relations subcommittee.

7. Questions for Subcommittees

7.1 Questions for Association Alumni Committee

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7.2. Questions for Association Community Relations Committee

The subcommittee was going to arrange a bike lights sale In the near future.

7.3. Questions for Association Environment & Ethics Committee

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7.4 Questions for Association LGBT Committee

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7.5 Questions for SSC Postgraduate Committee

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7.6. Questions for SSC Broadcasting Committee

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7.7 Questions for SSC Charities Committee

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7.8 Questions for SSC Entertainments Committee

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7.9. Questions for SSC External Funding Committee

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7.10 Questions for SSC Debates Committee

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7.11 Questions for SSC Design & PR Committee

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7.12. Questions for SSC Music Committee

Ms Ozsoy informed that they were having three big events in the near future: a live launch with STAR on November 26, a bookshop gig on December 1, and their annual event on December 4.

7.13 Questions for SSC Performing Arts Committee

Ms Bowman informed they had been awarded £500 from the Student Project Fund for a Shakespeare's Anniversary event. They had also co-opted a Fringe Rep.

7.14 Questions for SSC Societies Committee

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7.15 Questions for SSC Volunteering Committee

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7.16 Questions for SSC OTR Committee

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7.17. Any Other Competent Questions

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8. Unfinished General Business

There was no unfinished general business.

9. New General Business

9.1. J.15-26-A Motion to Reform the Association Councils

This SRC/SSC notes:

1. Reforming the Association Councils, specifically the SRC, has been a recurring theme over the past fifteen years.
2. Historically there have been efforts to reform the SRC in 1999, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2010, 2012 and 2014.
3. A mini workshop was held with this year's SRC to try to get a better idea of what the perceived problems are.

This SRC/SSC believes:

1. The Officers/Members of the SRC are frequently very successful in their individual roles and there are some wonderful projects happening as the result of their hard work.
2. However, the SRC is currently a body which focuses on legal and administrative changes and does not wholly fulfil its purpose as being a 'representative body'.
3. Ideally, the SRC would have more meaningful discussions about representative issues which effect the student body.
4. The way in which the SRC currently operates is not conducive to this kind of meaningful discussion.
5. Previous efforts to reform the SRC have focussed primarily on the SRC and neglected looking at how reformation of the SRC's relationship with SAEC and SSC could have a positive impact.

6. Changing the relationship of the SRC to the SAEC and SSC would provide an environment in which the representative functions of the SRC would be better fulfilled.
7. The SAEC should be expanded and devolved more administrative power to allow the SRC to focus less on legal changes and more on representative issues.
8. The SRC should meet at least five times an academic year, and whenever necessary, so that there is more substantive representative business to be discussed.
9. The Association Councils should be reformed.

This SRC/SSC resolves:

1. To report the following amendments to the Laws and Standing Orders to SAB with the recommendation that they pass.
2. To implement these changes upon the dissolution of these Association Councils.

Proposed

Zara Evans
Association Chair

Annie Newman
Rector's Assessor

Charlotte Andrew
Association Alumni Officer

Seconded

Pat Mathewson
Association President

Joe Tantillo
DoRep

Sarah Thompson
AU President

Kyle Blain
DoSDA

Chris MacRae
DoES

Ms Evans vacated the chair.

Mr Dixon took the chair.

Ms Newman was granted speaking rights without objections.

Ms Evans introduced the motions and explained that this is not a new issue, as the councils had been working on it since 1999. She explained that the SRC seems to neglect its representative side, and covered some of the changes written in the text of the motion. This motion would also contribute to an expansion of the Executive Committee. The aim of the motion was to reinvigorate the councils.

Ms Heyerick proposed to amend the word "effect" into "affect" in point 3 of the believes. Ms Evans seconded. With no objection, the amendment was adopted.

With no further debate and no objections, the motion was adopted by SSC.

Mr Dixon vacated the chair.

Ms Evans took the chair.

9.2 J.15-25-A Motion To Change Of The Name Of The Association Environment And Ethics Officer And Subcommittee To Association Environment Officer And Subcommittee

Owner: Environment and Ethics Subcommittee

In effect from: From the Start of Semester 2

This SRC & SSC Notes:

1. The position is currently called Association Environment and Ethics Officer.
2. The current remit is:
 - a. 3.8 The Association Environment & Ethics Officer shall:
 - i. 3.8.1. Have special responsibility for those areas concerning Environment & Ethics, environmental and ethical issues.
 - ii. 3.8.2. Convene and chair meetings of the Association Environment & Ethics Committee.
 - iii. 3.8.3. Coordinate his/her activities with the Association President.
 - iv. 3.8.4. Work in cooperation with relevant members of staff
 - v. 3.8.5. Liaise with the University on matters relating to Environment & Ethics issues
 - vi. 3.8.6. Implement Association policy on Environment & Ethics issues.
3. Have spoken to other members of staff in different bodies (Transition, Environment Team) across the university who support a change in name.

This SRC & SSC Believes:

1. The current usage of the term 'ethics' in the laws is not well defined, which poses challenges when determining the practice of the Association Environment and Ethics Officer.
2. Removing 'ethics' from the position would not affect the current practice of the Association Environment and Ethics Officer or Subcommittee, the presence or lack thereof does not impact whether or not the association continues to be ethical.

This SRC & SSC Resolves:

1. To change all references of Association Environment and Ethics Officer and Association Environment and Ethics Subcommittee in the laws to Association Environment Officer and Association Environment Subcommittee.

2. To remove all references to 'Ethics' concerning the Association Environment and Ethics officer in the Association Laws.

Proposed: Environment and Ethics Committee

Ms Pickthall introduced the motion and explained that the subcommittee's job is mainly focused on environment, so they would continue doing the same job even after the name change.

With no debate and no objection, the motion was adopted.

10. Open Discussion

There was no open discussion.

11. Any Other Competent Business

There was no other competent business.

The meeting adjourned.