



University of St Andrews Students' Association Student Services Council

MINUTES

Tuesday 11th February 2014 – Committee Room, 7.00pm

Present

Maxwell Baldi	Association Chair
Katie O'Donnell	Association Community Relations Officer
Edward Woodhouse	Association Director of Representation
Kelsey Gold	Association Director of Student Development & Activities
Dominyka Urbonaite	Association Environment & Ethics Officer
David Norris	Association LGBT Officer
Scott Schorr	Association Postgraduate President
Chloe Hill	Association President
Jess Walker	Athletic Union President
Oscar Swedrup	SSC Broadcasting Officer
Joseph Tantillo	SSC Charitable Development Convenor
William Lord	SSC Debates Officer
Stephanie Ekanayaka	SSC Design Team Convenor
Fiona Woodhall	SSC Entertainments Convenor
Robert Dixon	SSC Member for Societies Elections
Emily Dick	SSC Member for Societies Grants
Keith Cordrey	SSC Member without Portfolio
David Patterson	SSC Performing Arts Officer
Courtney Lewis	SSC Societies Officer
Fay Holland	SSC Volunteering Officer

In Attendance

Michael Telfer	Minute Secretary
Elliot Miskin	<i>The Saint</i>

Absent

Daniel Palmer	Association Director of Events & Services
George Parker	SSC Charities Officer
Anna Merryfield	SSC Music Officer

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted without dissent.

2. Apologies for Absence

Daniel Palmer	Association Director of Events & Services
George Parker	SSC Charities Officer
Anna Merryfield	SSC Music Officer

The apologies were accepted without dissent

3. Adoption of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Pursuant to Standing Orders §7.2.2., the minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Councils held on the 28th January were laid before the members of the Council on the 4th of February 2014. With no objection registered within 24 hours, the minutes were adopted by electronic mail.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

5. Open Forum

There was no business from the open forum.

6. Report of the Sabbatical Officers

6.1. Report of the Association Director of Events & Services

There was no report from the Director of Events & Services.

6.2. Report of the Association Director of Representation

Mr Woodhouse informed the council that he had carried out a lot of representational tasks and was open to questions from members, if they had any.

Mr Cordrey asked for an explanation as to why Puppy Bowl was not shown.

Mr Woodhouse answered that it was not shown in the Union as it had not been aired in the UK, no broadcaster having the rights to do so.

Ms Woodhall stated that they should have created their own, in that case.

Mr Woodhouse stated that he would place that recommendation in his handover document and offered his sincere apologies for failing to carry out his duties.

6.3. Report of the Director of Student Development & Activities

Ms Gold informed the Council that Refreshers and RAG Week had gone well and that there was a report about it she would read later. Ms Gold stated that she was very impressed with everything.

Ms Gold informed the Council that she had received a lot of emails and was working on them. Ms Gold offered her apologies to the members, in particular those who served on the Societies Committee as she had forwarded a lot of them to them to handle.

Ms Gold informed the Council that the director of the On the Rocks Festival had resigned and, as it was an Association Project, the Convenor Selection Committee would be convened to pick another. In the interim, Ms Gold added, the Co-Director would be Acting Director and it was very likely that they would become the full Director.

Ms Gold informed the Council that the Scott Lang Dinner was going well, the menu had been chosen, and that there would be a guest speaker.

6.4. Report of the Association President

There was no report from the Association President.

7. Report of Officers

7.1. Report of the Association Community Relations Officer

Ms O'Donnell informed the Council that she had been doing a lot of 'middle-manning' working with On the Rocks and would be going to Madras College the following day as they had not received any response. Ms O'Donnell stated that she would also be approaching the Brownies, the Scouts, and a church youth group, to try to involve them in community lead projects.

Ms O'Donnell informed the Council that she had taken the Keep Cup Campaign to local businesses in the town, and had volunteers to help. Ms O'Donnell asked that those members who would like to volunteer contact her. Ms O'Donnell stated that she had a friend who worked in Beanscene and that Beanscene seemed keen to join the campaign. Ms O'Donnell stated that she had a meeting with them the following week.

7.2. Report of the Association Environment & Ethics Officer

Ms Urbonaite informed the Council that the plans for Green Week were being finalised and the plan was to have a blackout event, a careers network event, and a panel discussion.

Ms Urbonaite informed the Council that she had brought a motion to the Council that would be discussed later.

7.3. Report of the Association LGBT Officer

Mr Norris informed the Council that the Drag Race had been a lot of fun.

Mr Norris informed the Council that he was in Edinburgh the previous Tuesday for the vote on the equal marriage bill.

Mr Norris informed the Council that the preparations for Glitter Ball were ongoing and all the acts for it had been organised.

Mr Norris informed the Council that the TED Talks for LGBT History Month had to be delayed. Mr Norris stated that he was working on having some Professors deliver talks on the matter.

Mr Norris informed the Council that he was working with Celtic Society to organise a Gaylidh.

Ms Gold asked when tickets for Glitter Ball would be available.

Mr Norris answered that they would be available online, outside Physics from 1pm, and at other locations.

Without any objections, Mr Norris amended his report to include:

Mr Norris informed the Council that a lot of events were organised for Sexy Health Week and all the members should attend.

7.4. Report of the Association Postgraduate President

Mr Schorr informed the Council that Taught Postgraduates had been moved in to St Leonard's College and that he was working with the College to promote a long term strategy.

Mr Schorr informed the Council that, for the immediate future, he was working on a wine night for February 20th, and would hopefully have guest speakers.

Mr Schorr informed the Council that on February 28th there would be a movie night, though the film hadn't yet been chosen. Mr Schorr stated that he was open to movie suggestions.

Mr Schorr informed the Council that he was 90% sure the society would be partnering with DRAFP to organise a wine night.

Mr Schorr informed the Council that the founder of PhD Comics was coming to give an event.

Mr Schorr informed the Council that the Society now had a new new Website.

Mr Schorr congratulated Mr Postgrad on winning Mr St Andrews and also the postgraduate student who had come third in the talent show.

7.5. Report of the Athletic Union President

Ms Walker informed the Council that the plans for Health Body Healthy Mind were coming on well. Ms Walker stated that she had been invited to give a talk at LGBT Ted Talks.

Ms Walker informed the Council that she a 12 School festival was organised to celebrate the Commonwealth Games and that the festival would be in April. Ms Walker stated that meant there would be around 200 children running around the town, which would be good or bad, depending on how you looked at it.

Ms Walker informed the Council that she was working with Widening Access & Participation to try and get local school pupils into the University.

Ms Walker informed the Council she was working with Admission on appointing an intern who could straddle both Spots and Admissions.

7.6. Report of the SSC Broadcasting Officer

Mr Swedrup informed the Council that a committee meeting had been held where they had discussed the first week of broadcasting. Mr Swedrup stated there had been a drop in broadcasting, with six free slots and 17 shows showing up. Mr Swedrup stated that he

regularly received emails about new shows and that the interest in broadcasting was higher than ever before.

Mr Swedrup informed the Council that he was exploring options for covering the elections and was looking at taking an unusual angle.

Mr Swedrup informed the Council of his committee's concern that the Sabbatical Officers had not consulted with them about their move in the following semester. Mr Swedrup stated that they were concerned that they were broadcasting from a studio that would not exist the following semester.

Mr Swedrup informed the Council that he was very excited to be part of Mungo's High Five Festival, which was to be a Reggae and Dub night. Mr Swedrup stated that his committee would be financially helping the festival and also promoting the event.

Mr Swedrup informed the Council that other events would be coming up throughout the semester and they would be broadcasting as usual.

7.7. Report of the SSC Charities Officer

Ms Gold read a report from the SSC Charities Officer stating: thank you for your help with RAG Week, particularly all subcommittees that had events. Also, thank you to Ms Woodhall and the Ents for working hard; they're unsung heroes. Additional thanks to Mr Palmer and Ms Gold. Charity nominations are now open too, and members should nominate their favourite charity.

7.8. Report of the SSC Charitable Development Convenor

Mr Tantillo informed the Council that he had sent out a handful of grant requests letters and was waiting to hear back on those. Mr Tantillo stated that, of those he had heard back from, they had all been rejected. Mr Tantillo urged those members who had upcoming events to contact him at the earliest opportunity if they wanted external funding.

7.9. Report of the SSC Entertainments Convenor

Ms Woodhall informed the Council that she had been busy the past two weeks running both Refreshers and RAG Week with Mr Palmer and Fiona Lewis. Ms Woodhall stated that they had all been really great events, with some particularly popular.

Ms Woodhall informed the Council that the final Ministry of Sound event had been held on the first Saturday of RAG Week. Mr Woodhall stated that Mr Palmer had plans to have a DJ night on Thursdays, with DJs coming through from Dundee.

Ms Woodhall informed the Council RAG Week was fantastic.

Ms Woodhall informed the Council that there were various events coming up including the 50th Anniversary of the joining of the two unions the following day and the Valentine's Day Bop on the Friday. Ms Woodhall stated that Rewind would be back on the Saturday.

Ms Woodhall informed the Council that around 20 events had been held, explaining why she'd received an extension on her lab report.

Mr Swedrup asked why external DJs were being brought in when there were so many student DJs in town.

Ms Woodhall answered that Friday and Saturday night, with the exception bringing in the Ministry of Sound, always had student DJs, which is why the Dundee DJs would be on Thursday nights. Ms Woodhall stated that they would also be paying the Association to use the venue.

7.10. Report of the SSC Debates Officer

Mr Lord informed the Council that a St Andrews team had been to the World University Debating Championships, and they had made it through to the semi-finals. Mr Lord stated that meant the world's tenth best debater was now from St Andrews. Mr Lord congratulated them on their success.

Mr Lord informed the Council that the week's public debate would be held on Valentine's Day with the motion that 'This House would rather be single in St Andrews'. Mr Lord stated that it would be a good laugh for those who were single and a cool debate.

Mr Lord informed the Council that Canongate Primary had gotten in touch looking to set up a debating society and they would be assisting with that.

7.11. Report of the Design & PR Team Convenor

Ms Ekanayaka informed the Council that she had received her usual surplus of requests and they had tried their best. Ms Ekanayaka stated that a lot of people were interested.

Ms Ekanayaka informed the Council that she was trying really hard to have events and to establish what was and wasn't interesting, allowing decisions to be made on what should be kept.

Ms Ekanayaka informed the Council that there were almost regular workshops, and a regular Sunday afternoon Photoshop class.

Ms Ekanayaka informed the Council she was in conversation with various design companies who want wanted to come and talk to people, and they would likely come around April.

Ms Ekanayaka informed the Council that she was trying to establish what aspects of the PR Team were working, giving it one last try. Ms Ekanayaka requested that those members who had ideas about how the team should operate outwith the Sabbatical Officers and the team, then they should let her know.

7.12. Report of the Student Services Council Member without Portfolio

Mr Cordrey informed the Council that live tweets were ongoing.

Mr Cordrey informed the Council that, over the break, he had looked over minutes from previous years looking for rulings from the chair. Mr Cordrey stated that the rulings had been distinctly few and far between, with maybe a two a year.

Mr Dixon asked how many precedents had so far been recorded.

Mr Cordrey answered that he had recorded around 8 or 9 rulings from about four and a half years' worth of minutes.

Mr Baldi thanked Mr Cordrey for his work.

7.13. Report of the SSC Music Officer

Ms Gold read a report from the SSC Music Officer stating: all members should download the RAG Week playlist. It's only a pound and will support fellow students.

7.14. Report of the SSC Performing Arts Officer

Mr Patterson informed the Council that the biggest thing had been making the decision on funding acts for the Fringe. Mr Patterson stated that it had been the most professional, slick, and efficient decision-making process Mermaids had managed in some time. Mr Patterson thanked the committee and Sabbatical Officers. Mr Patterson stated that 8 shows had applied for a total of £26,000 but there was only £11,000 to be allocated. Mr Patterson stated that four shows had been selected, and all were roughly student written. There were *Julietta*, *Wolf Whistle*, *Isaac Newton v Witches*, and *Temptations of Anthony*. Mr Patterson stated that it was difficult to make a decision and there had been eight hours of meetings, including dominoes. Mr Patterson stated that the fallout had been minimal and, as far as he was concerned, it was transparent and fair. Mr Patterson stated that Mr Tantillo should expect applications for funding.

Mr Patterson informed the Council that the Mermaids loyalty card had been released and allowed those who say three shows to see a fourth for free. Mr Patterson stated that *Othello* was the first show that the loyalty card would be valid at.

Mr Patterson stated that preparations for the Golden Seashells were going well, though he was still looking for a guest speaker. Mr Patterson stated that the panel were still seeing the shows and judging accordingly.

Mr Patterson informed the Council he was a judge on the Mr St Andrews judging panel.

Mr Patterson informed the Council that RAG Week had been fantastic.

Mr Patterson informed the Council that Mermaids had a new website.

Mr Patterson informed the Council that there were 20 shows left to go on.

Mr Patterson informed the council that Christmas Ball had made a profit of £11,000.

Mr Patterson informed the Council that SAND was coming up in week 6.

Mr Patterson informed the Council that he had gone on a blind date the previous night and that it had been fun.

Mr Swedrup asked Mr Patterson how the date had gone.

Mr Patterson answered that it had gone very well.

Mr Swedrup stated that Mr Patterson would have someone to take to the Valentine's Day Debate.

7.15. Report of the SSC Societies Officer

Ms Lewis informed the Council the Societies Committee had been busy as usual and the Committee had granted leave to proceed to three new societies: TEDx, Third Culture, and Young European Movement (taking over from European Society). Ms Lewis stated that Child Reach International was now affiliated.

Ms Lewis informed the Council that the Committee's minutes from the previous semester had been approved *en bloc* and would soon be available on the portal if any member wished to read them.

Ms Lewis informed the Council the Committee had finally gotten around to finishing the internal procedure document.

Ms Lewis informed the Council that Refreshers Fayre was long and thanked Ms Gold for all of the work she put in on organising that.

Ms Gold asked whether the paperwork for Economics Society had been handed in.

Ms Lewis answered that they had been trying to affiliate but they needed to see their constitution and audit their accounts first.

Without dissent, Ms Lewis amended her report to include:

Ms Lewis informed the Council that she would be hosting training in spring. Ms Lewis stated that it was usually held in autumn but it was her opinion that they should get it before summer so they knew what they could and could not do.

7.16. Report of the SSC Member for Societies Elections

Mr Dixon informed the Council that his ambition was to have all of the constitutions and sets of standing orders for societies in compliance. Mr Dixon stated that he had read them all over the break and emailed them about the need for an EGM or and AGM to deal with the issues.

Mr Dixon informed the Council that he had written a guidebook for the running of General Meetings and trained a new returning officer for the purposes of invigilating general meetings.

7.17. Report of the SSC Member for Societies Grants

Ms Dick informed the Council that the committee had given out £3419 in grants for the semester, so far.

7.18. Report of the SSC Volunteering Officer

Ms Holland informed the Council that she was still working on recruitment for environmental projects and also for adults with special needs. Ms Holland stated that there were still opportunities to be involved.

Ms Holland informed the Council that she was dealing with boring admin stuff, in particular deleting records of volunteers that they were no longer allowed to keep and standardising recruitment details.

Ms Holland informed the Council that student volunteer week was in week 5 and the events officer was organising a good deed day.

7.19. Any Other Competent Reports

There were no other competent reports.

8. Unfinished General Business

There was no unfinished general business.

9. New General Business

9.1. J. 23 – A Motion to Modernize the Remits of the Executive Committee and Councils

THIS SRC AND SSC NOTE:

1. The ongoing review of the governance of the Association; and,
2. That the Laws do not reflect current practice.

THIS SRC AND SSC BELIEVE:

1. That the remits of the various bodies that manage the Students' Association are largely in line with current practices;
2. That there are a number of anachronisms and ambiguities that should be addressed;
3. The remits of the Councils must be updated to eliminate anachronisms left over from before changes undertaken between 2001 and 2003, which transferred virtually all of the 'student activities' functions from the SRC to the SSC/UMC and stripped the SSC/UMC of most of its trading, union management, and financial responsibilities; and,
4. SAEC's interaction with the Councils must be clarified;

THIS SRC AND SSC RESOLVE:

To recommend the following amendments to the Laws to SAB with the recommendation that the same do pass:

1. Add to 1 Laws § 3.9.2.4 'and finally determine disputes between the SRC and SSC in areas of joint competency';
2. Strike 1 Laws § 3.9.2.8;
3. Add to 1 Laws § 3.9.2.9 'and have the authority to direct officers and committees to take action to ensure implementation';
4. Strike 1 Laws § 3.9.2.10;
5. Strike 1 Laws § 3.9.2.11;
6. Strike from 1 Laws § 3.9.3.3 'President' and insert 'Chair';
7. Strike 2 Laws § 2.3;
8. Strike 2 Laws § 2.4;
9. Strike from 2 Laws § 2 'be responsible for the ordinary internal management of the Union and its buildings' and insert 'be responsible for overseeing and managing the provision of services and social activities for students';
10. Strike from 2 Laws § 2.3 'Union' and insert following 'policy' 'concerning the Association's buildings, facilities, and services';
11. Strike 2 Laws § 2.4;

12. Strike 2 Laws § 2.5;
13. Add to Chapter 2 of the Laws a new § 2.7 to read 'Oversee and manage the affairs of its subcommittees';
14. Add to Chapter 2 of the Laws a new § 2.8 to read 'To promote social activity and unity amongst the students';
15. Add to Chapter 2 of the Laws a new § 2.9 to read 'To provide such services for students as the SSC may deem desirable'.

Mr Woodhouse proposed the motion and Ms Gold seconded.

Mr Woodhouse introduced the motion as such: this motion is mostly about changing the laws to reflect current practice it doesn't sneak anything new in. Walking through the Max-Speak, the way the laws are currently written they could be interpreted that SAEC should send its favourite proposal back to the disagreeing Council, the motion says that SAEC can make the decision rather than passing the buck around. It also eliminates some of the more random things such as 'ensuring the fine details of your business', the chair now calls SAEC, and moves two things that were previously in the Students' Representative Council into the Student Services Council.

Mr Dixon moved to strike all references to 'Chapter 2' in paragraph 9 through 15 and replace it with 'chapter 3'.

Mr Woodhouse seconded.

The amendment was adopted without dissent.

J. 23, as amended, was adopted without dissent.

9.2. J. 24 – A Motion to Amend Referenda and General Meetings

THIS SRC AND SSC NOTE:

1. The ongoing review of the governance of the Association;
2. The Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005; and,
3. That the Laws provide for ambiguity in the relationship between SAB and referenda and general meetings.

THIS SRC AND SSC BELIEVE:

1. That students should be able to use referenda and general meetings to express their will and change Association policy; and,
2. That the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and relevant OSCR guidance require the trustees of a registered charity to manage and control the charity and to act in the best interests of the charity.

THIS SRC AND SSC RESOLVE:

To recommend the following amendments to the Laws to SAB with the recommendation that the same do pass:

1. Strike 7 Laws § 5 and insert the following:

5.1. Referenda may be called by both the SRC and SSC or a signed petition of 5% of the Ordinary Membership of the Association.

5.2. Four weeks' notice must be given from the passage of any motion to call a referendum before the beginning of the voting in that referendum.

5.3. Only Ordinary Members of the Association in good standing may vote in referenda.

5.4. A referendum shall only be binding if 1/5 of eligible voters cast a vote.

5.5. A simple majority shall determine the outcome of any referendum.

5.6. A referendum may overturn a decision passed by a quorate General Meeting, and shall then be binding on the Students' Association until such a time as it is revoked by another referendum.

5.7. Notwithstanding the foregoing provision, referenda shall be subject to the Association's financial cascade policy as determined from time to time by SAB.

5.8. Notwithstanding the two foregoing provisions, in extraordinary circumstances SAB shall have the authority to disregard the results of a referendum if it determines that implementing the outcome of the referendum would not be in the best interests of the Association or would not be consistent with the purposes of the Association.

2. Add to Chapter 7 of the Laws a new § 2.6 to read 'Notwithstanding the foregoing provision, the decisions of general meetings shall be subject to the Association's financial cascade policy as determined from time to time by SAB.'

3. Add to Chapter 7 of the Laws a new § 2.7 to read 'Notwithstanding the two foregoing provisions, in extraordinary circumstances SAB shall have the authority to disregard the decisions of general meetings if it determines that implementing the decision would not be in the best interests of the Association or would not be consistent with the purposes of the Association.'

Mr Woodhouse proposed the motion and Ms Gold seconded.

Mr Woodhouse introduced the motion as such: this is one of the aspects from the governance review, about looking at how we deal with the two ideas of being a charity in that the trustees ultimately hold the responsibility for the best interests of the charity. This sets out a clear process and how a referendum becomes binding, also creates the capacity for, in extraordinary circumstances, the trustees coming in and deciding to note the referendum but not to take action to preserve the best interests of the Association. This is part of the regulation of charities.

Mr Dixon asked, in the section where it says the Students' Representative Council and Student Services Council, if it meant both councils.

Mr Woodhouse answered that it did.

Mr Dixon asked if that would be subject to dispute mediation by SAEC.

Mr Baldi answered that, while noting that his opinion was advisory because it would not be a real dispute, it could be interpreted that way but it was his initial interpretation.

Mr Patterson, noting that four weeks notice must be given following the vote, asked to whom the notice should be given.

Mr Woodhouse answered that it should be given to the student body.

Ms Hill stated that she read the motion like Mr Baldi had, in that either the Students' Representative Council or Student Services Council could call it.

Mr Baldi stated that it might be useful to note that the text the motion replaced stated that either could call a referendum.

Ms Gold asked for clarification of whether the Students' Representative Council and Student Services Council could call it independently or they had to both call for one. Ms Gold stated that she had interpreted it like Ms Hill.

Mr Baldi stated that he could only offer an advisory opinion but that the motion meant the assent of both would be required.

Mr Dixon stated that it would be helpful to clarify the language.

Ms Woodhall stated that if the motion said both it would imply both.

Ms Hill stated that she was worried that Sabbatical Officers were interpreting the motion in different ways.

Mr Patterson stated that it would need to be passed by both Councils to make it binding. Mr Patterson asked, therefore, if it mattered.

Mr Woodhouse stated that section 5.4 was only about determining whether the referendum was binding or not, not on how one was generated. Mr Woodhouse clarified that it was based on turnout at the referendum.

Ms Hill stated that the language needs to be clarified.

Ms Gold asked whether it should be either.

Mr Dixon asked whether the Student Services Council should have a say in representational matters.

Mr Patterson answered that it depended on the matter at hand, in the first instance, yes. The NUS is representational and affects the running.

Ms Hill stated that the NUS question was more operational than representational.

Mr Woodhouse asked whether it would be worthwhile having the Students' Representative Council only be able to call referenda for its competencies and the Student Services Council only for its competencies, and require both for joint competencies.

Ms Gold answered that she liked the idea but, for simplicity, it should be the Association Councils for referenda.

Ms Gold moved to strike 'both the SRC and the SSC' from resolving clause 1, 5.1, and replace it with 'the Association Councils'.

Mr Woodhouse seconded.

Mr Cordrey, asking for clarification, asked whether it might be better to have one council be able to call a referendum for situations like when one Council is incompetent and needs to be removed. Mr Cordrey stated that he did not know the mechanism but that it might be in the best interest of one Council to oust the other. Mr Cordrey stated that it was unlikely but they needed to be prepared for everything. Mr Cordrey asked if there was anything in the laws to make it possible or if the way to do it was by petitioned referendum.

Mr Woodhouse answered that there was a process for removal for individual officers and, if there were a number of incompetent officers, they'd be removed. Mr Woodhouse stated that, in particularly egregious cases, the Association Board could come in, but as trustees, to say 'get your stuff together'.

Ms Hill stated that, if they were visibly incompetent, then 5% of students was not a very large number.

The amendment was adopted without dissent.

Ms Hill stated that, apart from any other considerations, people from both Councils would be required to run the referendum.

Mr Cordrey asked if the rules for the referendum would be decided each time as he did not see any particular clause the referred to it.

Mr Dixon asked for Mr Cordrey to clarify what he meant by the question.

Mr Cordrey cited the example of the election rules that were being considered and asked if the same procedure would be necessary for the referendum.

Mr Woodhouse answered that he imagined that would be the case.

J. 24, as amended, was adopted without dissent.

9.3. J. 25 – A Motion to Rename the SRC Member for Widening Access

THIS SRC AND SSC NOTE:

1. The SRC currently has a serving Member for Widening Access
2. A number of items this year have focussed on participation, rather than access.
 - 2.1. These have included accommodation bursaries and inter-library loan fees.
3. The university working-group focuses on both Widening Access *and* Widening Participation.

4. The Member for Widening Access is already expected to engage with issues regarding participation.

5. The university itself has groups the Member for Widening Access works with, such as the student ambassadors.

THIS SRC AND SSC BELIEVE:

1. That each member's role should be accurately reflected in his or her job title.

2. Access is only a part of the problem for students from lower economic backgrounds, and increasing participation via projects focussed on inclusion and integration are also vital to creating a more equal environment.

3. The job of the Member for Widening Access is *neither* focussed on access *nor* participation issues, but both.

4. Renaming a title, whilst a small change, increases clarity and gives a clearer idea of the Student Representative Council's beliefs and aims.

THIS SRC AND SSC RESOLVE:

To recommend the following amendments to the Laws to SAB with the recommendation that the same do pass:

1. Strike all references in the Laws to 'SRC Member for Widening Access' and insert 'SRC Member for Widening Access and Participation'.

Mr Anderson proposed the motion and Ms Hill seconded.

Ms Hill introduced the motion as such: basically the University already calls the position the Member for Widening Access & Participation, or WAP, and it would be better to make it clear that it was WAP for the election. Additionally, it would probably be better to have WAP on a hoody rather than Widening Access.

Mr Cordrey asked whether the motion required a second as Mr Anderson was a member of the Students' Representative Council.

Mr Baldi answered that it did not as the motion was a J-Series Motion and submitted to both Councils simultaneously.

Motion J. 25 was adopted without dissent.

9.4. J. 26 – A Motion to Amend the Postgraduate Society Constitution

THIS STUDENTS' REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL AND STUDENT SERVICES COUNCIL NOTE:

1. The Postgraduate Society is a vital component to the University of St Andrews' postgraduate community,
2. The Postgraduate Society is led by the Postgraduate Society Committee,

3. Recent developments within the academic representation of postgraduate students calls for according role expansion, and
4. The role of the Postgraduate President has been divided into two new roles within the proposed Election Rules 2014.

THIS STUDENTS' REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL AND STUDENT SERVICES COUNCIL BELIEVE:

1. To further improve the Postgraduate Society's ability to represent, entertain, and advocate for postgraduate student concerns, the Postgraduate Society may update its previous Constitution to better articulate its role within the postgraduate community and within the Students' Association.

THIS STUDENTS' REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL AND STUDENT SERVICES COUNCIL RESOLVE:

To report amendments to effect the following changes to the Laws to SAB with the recommendation that the same do pass:

1. The Postgraduate Society Committee's previous Constitution be struck entirely, and replaced with the attached text.

Constitution of the Postgraduate Society of the University of St Andrews

Aims

We, the postgraduate students of the University of St Andrews, in order to create the 'home society' for postgraduates living in St Andrews to host events, advocate for academic concerns, and foster postgraduate community, establish this constitution of the Postgraduate Society Committee of the University of St Andrews.

Remit

The Postgraduate Society shall hold at least four events during the year for the recreational benefit of the postgraduates of St Andrews. One of these will be an annual ball, usually held during the Summer Vacation.

The Postgraduate Society shall be competent to make loans or grants to individuals or bodies endeavoring to provide entertainment to the postgraduate community.

The Committee shall take special responsibility, via the Postgraduate Society President and the Postgraduate Convenor, for ensuring that SSC and SRC take sufficient account of the needs and wishes of postgraduate students during vacation periods.

Article I – Name

The organisation shall be known as the Postgraduate Society of the University of St Andrews.

Article II – Members

Section 1:

The membership of the Postgraduate Society Committee shall consist of postgraduate students elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held no later than Week 4 of Semester 1.

Section 2:

The duties and responsibilities of the Committee are:

- a. To act as the official voice and to promote the interests of postgraduate students;
- b. To consider any proposal or request that a postgraduate student or group may present in the best interest of the postgraduate community;
- c. To uphold and defend the Constitution and By-Laws of the Postgraduate Society Committee.

Section 3: Resignation

A Committee member may resign if he or she finds that they are no longer able to fulfill the requirements of membership. Resignation will take effect immediately upon announcement. Discussion and questions regarding resignation may be dealt with in confidence via communication with the Postgraduate Society President.

Section 4: Quorum

The quorum shall be three-fifths of the voting membership of the committee.

Section 5: Membership

All matriculated postgraduate students of the University of St Andrews, save those who have exercised their right under the Education Act of 1994 to cease to be members of the Students' Association, shall be deemed to be ordinary members of the society.

Section 6: Extraordinary Membership

The committee may award extraordinary membership of the Society to such individuals as it deems fit.

Section 7: Annual General Meeting

- a. Procedure- The AGM shall be held during Semester One no later than Week 4, and shall:
 - i. Require 14 days notice;
 - ii. Be publicised widely in such places and by such methods as the committee shall determine from time to time;
 - iii. Be open to all members of the Society, although only ordinary members shall be eligible to vote, propose, second, or stand for elections.
- b. Business- The order of business shall be:
 - i. Report of the Postgraduate Society President;
 - ii. Report of the Postgraduate Society Treasurer;
 - iii. Report of the Postgraduate Convenor;
 - iv. Elections of all non-Association voting posts;
 - v. AOCB.
- c. Elections- No one shall hold more than one position on the Committee at any one time. Elections shall be conducted by a secret ballot using the STV system.

Article III – The Postgraduate Society Committee

Section 1:

The Postgraduate Committee shall adopt a structure to lead the Postgraduate Society. A recommendation is provided below:

1. Postgraduate Society President*
2. Vice President, Academic Relations (*ex officio* Postgraduate Convenor)
3. Vice President, Finance*
4. Vice President, Ball Convener*
5. Vice President, Event Convener
6. Vice President, Pub Convener
7. Vice President, External Relations
8. Secretary*
9. Parliamentarian
10. Association Director of Student Development & Activities
11. Association Director of Representation.

The above positions provide a recommendation to future Postgraduate Presidents and Committees on how to structure themselves. They may also consult Appendix A. Positions marked with an '' are required. Positions not marked with an '*' are recommended.

Section 2:

The Postgraduate Society President shall, in addition to those responsibilities set out in Chapter Three of the Laws:

- a. Provide leadership to the Postgraduate Society,
- b. Be responsible for all external Committee correspondence,
- c. Sit on the Student Services Council, and
- d. Perform any additional duties as needed.

Section 3:

The Vice President, Finance shall:

- a. Serve as the liaison with accounting in the Students' Association;
- b. Oversee the reimbursement process; and
- c. Perform any additional duties as needed.

Section 4:

The Vice President, Ball Convener shall:

- a. Serve as the liaison with hotel partners for Postgraduate Society balls.
- b. Propose ball themes, decorations, and entertainment options.
- c. Explore different venue options and present ideas via 'ball proposal(s)' to the Committee, in consultation with the Association Postgraduate President.

Section 5:

The Vice President, Academic Relations shall:

- a. Represent postgraduate student interests within the Students' Association and the University,
- b. Convene and chair the Postgraduate Forum consisting of all Postgraduate Executive Reps at least twice per semester,
- c. Serve as the Postgraduate Senate Representative on Academic Council, and
- d. Sit on the Students' Representative Council

Section 6:

The Secretary shall:

- a. Keep detailed minutes of the meetings of the Postgraduate Society Committee;
- b. Collaborate with the President in writing "The Sunday Postgraduate" (or alternative newsletter) and
- c. Perform other duties as needed.

Section 7:

The Parliamentarian shall:

- a. Interpret, enforce, and defend the Constitution and By-Laws should they need clarification;
- b. Chair the Committee meetings;

Article IV – Standing Sub-Committees

Section 1:

The Committee shall have a number of standing sub-committees as outlined in the By-Laws. These standing sub-committees shall be charged with the specific duties of the Committee.

Section 2:

Each standing Sub-Committee shall be chaired by an appropriate Committee Vice President.

Article V - Meetings

Section 1:

The Committee shall meet at least once a week during teaching weeks. In the event of extenuating circumstances, meetings may be cancelled by a consensus of the Committee.

Section 2:

Standing sub-committees are encouraged to meet at least bi-weekly during teaching weeks.

Article VI - Parliamentary Authority

Section 1:

The Postgraduate Committee shall be governed by this Constitution and duly passed by-laws and the Standing Orders of the Students' Association. The most recent version of *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised* may be treated as a pervasive authority in the event that these documents do not clearly identify a course of procedure.

Section 2:

The Parliamentarian shall ensure that the Constitution and By-Laws in addition to proper parliamentary procedure are adhered to at all times.

Article VII- By-Laws

Section 1:

The Committee shall adopt a body of By-Laws, which may be amended at any time by a two-thirds majority vote.

Section 2:

This Constitution shall take precedence over the By-Laws of the Postgraduate Society Committee.

Appendix A

Postgraduate Society President	Vice-President (Ball Convener)	Vice-President (Event Convener)	Vice-President (Pub Convener)	Vice-President (Academic Relations) <i>ex officio</i> Postgraduate Convener	Vice-President (External Relations)
Vice-President (Finance)	Formal Balls – Finance Officer	Academic & Non-Academic Events – Finance Officer	Pub Team – Finance Officer		Chamber of Ideas Representative
Social Media Officer	Formal Balls – Venues Officer	Academic & Non-Academic Events – Venues Officer	Pub Team – Venues Officer		External Partnerships Representative
Marketing Officer	Formal Balls – Decorations Officer	Academic & Non-Academic Events – Decorations Officer	Pub Team – Quiz Officer		
Committee Social Officer (Internal)	Formal Balls – Drinks/Catering Officer	Academic & Non-Academic Events – Speakers Officer	Pub Team – Movie Nights Officer		
Secretary + Co-Editor	Formal Balls – Publicity Officer	Academic & Non-Academic Events – Publicity Officer	Pub Team – Publicity Officer	Athletic Union Representative (Taught or Research Postgraduate)	
Audiovisual Officer (Video + Photos)	Formal Balls – Entertainment Officer	Academic & Non-Academic Events – Bonfire Officer		Mature Students Representative (Taught or Research Postgraduate)	
				Employability Officer	

Mr Schorr proposed the motion and Mr Woodhouse seconded.

Mr Schorr introduced the motion as such: the main point of this proposal is that the current incarnation as Postgraduate President exceeds reasonable time commitments and it's not feasible to have only one person carry out the role. This motion splits the position in to two roles and all the changes explain the procedure of splitting the position up.

Mr Baldi stated that the question was on the adoption of the Hill Amendment.

Ms Hill introduced the amendment as such: this amendment makes the remit a bit clearer, I changed it to 'academic interests' and Mr Schorr added the 'society's interests' part.

Mr Dixon asked whether the society was a subcommittee of the Student Services Council or the Association.

Mr Baldi answered that, within the status quo, the society was a subcommittee of the Association and that the combined effect of other motions that night was to undo previous changes and revert it back to a subcommittee of the Student Services Council.

Mr Woodhouse stated that the intention in reverting it back was that it now did a lot more and acted much more like a society.

The amendment was adopted without dissent.

Mr Woodhouse moved to insert 'and to take effect on July 1st' after 'that the same do pass' in the first sentence of the resolving section.

Mr Dixon seconded.

Ms Hill stated that she completely agreed with the motion and asked how the elections were going to be run in March and whether they were to be elected to a committee that did not exist.

Mr Woodhouse answered that they would operate in much the same way as the Sabbatical Officers-elect did, i.e. with a later handover date.

Ms Hill asked whether that meant they'd only have an 8-month remit.

Mr Woodhouse answered that they would not and that the handover date would be aligned with the Sabbatical Officers.

Ms Gold stated that the new academic people would start to come after elections.

Mr Woodhouse stated that they could attend, but not as voting members.

Mr Schorr stated that was what had happened with him.

Ms Hill stated that left it a bit confusing.

Mr Woodhouse stated that it made sense.

Ms Hill stated that most positions fit better with the academic cycle and not the association cycle and that there could not be an election at the end of the year. Ms Hill stated that Mermaids would have plays following the election.

Ms Woodhall stated that it was also as it didn't make sense to have handover dates as, for example, Ents could not have their first day on Fresher's week.

A roll-call vote was held in the Student Services Council:

OFFICE	NAME	AYE	NO	ABS.
Association Community Relations Officer	Katie O'Donnell	X		
Association Director of Events & Services	Daniel Palmer			
Association Director of Representation	Edward Woodhouse	X		
Association Director of Student Development & Activities	Kelsey Gold			
Association Environment & Ethics Officer	Dominyka Urbonaite	X		
Association LGBT Officer	David Norris	X		
Association Postgraduate President	Scott Schorr	X		
Association President	Chloe Hill	X		
SSC Broadcasting Officer	Oscar Swedrup	X		
SSC Charities Officer	George Parker			
SSC Debates Officer	William Lord	X		
SSC Member for Societies Elections	Robert Dixon	X		
SSC Member for Societies Grants	Emily Dick	X		
SSC Member w/o Portfolio	Keith Cordrey	X		
SSC Music Officer	Anna Merryfield			
SSC Performing Arts Officer	David Patterson	X		
SSC Societies Officer	Courtney Lewis	X		
SSC Volunteering Officer	Fay Holland	X		

With 14 members in the affirmative and 0 in the negative, the motion was adopted.

Mr Dixon stated that, having read through the constitution, he was concerned that it was very independent in nature and obfuscates part of the role.

Mr Dixon moved that the extant text of Article 1 in the attached constitution be struck and replaced with the following: 'The organisation shall be a subcommittee of the Student Services Council and shall be known as the Postgraduate Society of the University of St Andrews.'

Ms Hill seconded.

Mr Schorr stated that it was as it always had been but that it was semantic.

Mr Dixon stated that someone could read the constitution and it would be ambiguous.

Ms Hill stated that was particularly the case following the changes with St Leonard's College.

The amendment was adopted without dissent.

Mr Schorr stated that another aspect he hadn't mentioned was that the society now provided a lot more activities and had increased their representational capacities, increasing the expectations.

Motion J. 26 was adopted without dissent.

9.5. J. 27 – A Motion to Approve the Rules & Regulations of the 2014 Students' Association Elections

THIS SRC & SSC NOTE:

1. Annual elections are held in Semester 2 of the academic year, and
2. Rules and regulations governing the expected manner of candidates and Elections Committee are required.

THIS SRC & SSC BELIEVE:

1. The attached rules reflect the beliefs of the Councils that our elections should be open to all students on an equal basis; information for voters should be full, transparent, and accurate; and campaigning should not cause nuisance to voters or to members of the University or town communities, and
2. The proposed changes to positions within the Laws of the Students' Association are to the benefit of the Councils' effectiveness.

THIS SRC & SSC RESOLVE:

1. To approve the attached version of the Rules & Regulations for the 2014 Elections (Appendix I),
2. To adopt the conforming amendments to the Laws of the Students' Association (Appendix II),
3. To mandate the Director of Representation (as the Senior Elections Officer) to ensure the publication of voter information materials, as provided for by Appendix I, and
4. To consider the composition of the Councils as a standing item of business, to return annually to the last sitting of each Council before the scheduled date of the next elections.

J. 27 – APPENDIX I

Elections 2014 Rules & Regulations

Version: TW 02.02.14

Important Dates.

Annual General Meeting: Sunday, 23 February at 18.30 (Venue 2).

Candidate mixer: Sunday, 23 February at 21.00 (Venue 2).

Nominations open: Monday, 24 February at 09.00 (Online).

Nominations close (AU President, DoES, DoRep, DoSDA, SA President only): Wednesday, 26 February at 17.00 (Online).

Sabbatical candidates' meeting: Wednesday, 26 February at 17.30 (Venue TBC).

Nominations close (all other posts): Friday, 28 February at 17.00 (Online).

All candidates' meeting (incl. sabbatical candidates): Friday, 28 February at 17.30 (Venue 1).

General hustings: Monday-Tuesday, 3-4 March at TBC (Venue TBC).

Sabbatical candidates' debate: Wednesday, 5 March at TBC (Venue TBC).

Polls open: Wednesday, 5 March at 23.00 (Online).

Polls close: Friday, 7 March at 18.00 (Online).

Results (School Presidents): Friday, 7 March at 21.00 (Venue 1).

Results (All other posts): Friday, 7 March at 21.30 (Venue 1).

SRC Handover & Mixer (all SRC positions): Tuesday, 11 March at 19.00 (Venue 2).

Important Information.

The Elections Office will be open from Monday, 24 February in the Students' Association Committee Room for: Monday to Friday, 10.00-16.00, and Sunday (2 March), 13.00-16.00.

The Elections Committee will be [9 people; all four sabbs; DoRep as Snr Officer; SA President as Deputy Snr Officer; others chosen by volunteer process].

saelect@st-andrews.ac.uk; @saelect for Twitter.

The Elections Committee reserves the right to make changes to the rules but will ensure that all candidates are informed of any alterations by email. New rules will come into effect immediately, unless otherwise stated.

General Principles.

The rules and regulations for the Students' Associations elections are designed as guidance on how to stand as a candidate and get involved. We have developed these rules with the ambitions that:

- Our elections should be **open to all** students on an equal basis;
- Information for voters should be **full, transparent, and accurate**; and
- Campaigning **should not cause nuisance** to voters or to members of the University or town communities.

Section 1. Positions Elected.

1.1. *Sabbaticals* — The following sabbatical (full-time) positions are up for election:

- Association President,
- Athletic Union President,
- Director of Events & Services,
- Director of Representation, and
- Director of Student Development & Activities.

1.2. *Association Officer positions* — The following part-time Association-level positions are up for election:

- Association Chair,
- Community Relations Officer,
- Ethics & Environment Officer, and
- LGBT Officer.

1.3. *SRC positions* — The following positions are up for election on the Students' Representative Council:

- Accommodation Officer,
- Member for Private Accommodation,
- Member for University Accommodation,
- Education Officer,
- Postgraduate Convenor,
- Employability Officer,
- Equal Opportunities Officer,
- Member for Students with Disabilities,
- Member for Ethnic Minorities,
- Member for Gender Equality,
- Member for International Students,
- Member for Mature Students,
- Member for Widening Access,
- External Campaigns Officer,
- Wellbeing Officer, and
- Member for First Years.

INFO BOX: There are two types of positions on the SRC: officers and members. Officers chair their own respective subcommittees of the SRC, and members will form part of those subcommittees but do not chair a subcommittee.

1.4. *SSC positions* — The following positions are up for election on the Student Services Council:

- Broadcasting Officer (St Andrews Radio),
- Charities Officer (Charities Campaign),
- Debates Officer (Union Debating Society),
- Music Officer (Music is Love),
- Performing Arts Officer (Mermaids),
- Volunteering Officer (SVS),
- Societies Officer,
- External Funding Officer, and
- Member without Portfolio.

INFO BOX: There are two types of positions on the SSC: officers and convenors. The officers are the elected heads of the SSC subcommittees, while convenors are appointed heads of SSC subcommittees where that role requires an extraordinary amount of specialist knowledge. The two current convenor roles are the Design & PR Team Convenor and the Ents Convenor.

1.5. *Academic Representatives* — The following positions are up for election on the School Presidents' Forum:

- Art History School President,
- Biology School President,
- Chemistry School President,
- Classics School President,
- Computer Science School President,
- Divinity School President,
- Earth Sciences & Geology School President,
- Economics & Finance School President,
- English School President,
- Film Studies School President,
- Geography & Sustainable Development School President,
- History School President,
- International Relations School President,
- Management School President,
- Mathematics & Statistics School President,
- Medicine School President,
- Modern Languages School President,
- Philosophy School President,
- Physics & Astronomy School President,
- Psychology & Neuroscience School President,
- Social Anthropology School President,
- Arts/Divinity Faculty President, and
- Science/Medicine Faculty President.

INFO BOX: Remember the Senate Reps? We've merged that role with the new Faculty Presidents to bring academic representation into a singular system and better integrate the Senate Reps into the Association's activities.

Section 2. Nominations.

2.1. *Eligibility* — An individual can run for any position listed above, as long as s/he is:

- Is matriculated St Andrews student,
- Is not currently banned from the Union Building,
- Has not outstanding personal debts to the Association,
- (For Postgraduate President only) is a postgraduate student,
- (For AU President only) is a committee member of one of the Athletic Union's constituent clubs and be in good standing with the Athletic Union and the University,
- (For School Presidents only) be entering into an Honours year of study within the relevant School as a Single Honours or Joint Honours student, and
- (For Senate Reps/Faculty Presidents only) be a student enrolled in one of the relevant constituent Faculties.

2.2. *Limitation* — No one may run for more than one position within the Students' Association elections.

2.3. *Process* — Each nomination must be self-nominated and seconded by another two matriculated student who is not banned from the Union Building. No member of the Elections Committee (listed on the first page) may propose, second, actively support, campaign against someone, or run as a candidate in any of the races mentions in Section 1 until the results of the first election are announced.

2.4. *True candidacy* — Nominations will only be accepted by candidates making a true reflection of their own character. Nominations on behalf of other students or as impersonations of another individual will not be accepted.

2.5. *Supplementary information* — Nominations must include:

- For sabbatical (Section 1.1) candidates only:
 - Statement (up to 250 words) explaining why people should vote for you,
 - Photograph of your likeness,
 - A list of any relevant positions previously held or student group memberships (optional),
 - Mobile phone number and SaintMail address, and
 - Some optional additional information that may be required as part of the Elections Committee's voter information services. This information will be made clear to you at the close of nominations for sabbatical candidates.
- For all other candidates:
 - Statement (up to 100 words) explaining why people should vote for you,
 - Photograph of your likeness,
 - A list of any relevant positions previously held or student group memberships (optional), and
 - Mobile phone number and SaintMail address.

2.6. *Timing* — Nominations will open for all candidates on [[date above]]. Nominations will close for all Section 1.1 positions on [[date above]]. Nominations for all other positions will close at [[date above]].

2.7. *Information meeting attendance* — Candidates are required to attend the [[sabb meeting]] and [[all candidates meeting]]. If a candidate cannot attend the meeting, the candidate must inform the Elections Committee before the start of the meeting and, for Section 1.1 candidates, must send a named campaign delegate.

2.8. *Withdrawal* — A candidate may withdraw from the race at any time up until the start of voting by notifying the Elections Committee by email.

Section 3. Hustings & Debates.

3.1. *General hustings* — All candidates are expected to participate in their hustings. Sabbatical candidates are asked to provide a 4-minute speech, followed by 6 minutes of questions. All other candidates are asked to prepare a 2-minute speech, followed by 3 minutes of questions.

INFO BOX: Hustings are important, because they give voters the chance to compare candidates and you the chance to prove yourself. The chair of the hustings is responsible for encouraging lively and good-humoured debate, though they can rule out irrelevant questions and ask someone in the audience to leave if necessary.

Hustings for all candidate will be on Monday and Tuesday of Elections Week. All candidates will find out their designated husting time by Friday evening at the end of nominations. If you cannot make your time, please inform the Elections Committee to make alternative arrangements.

3.2. *Halls hustings* — All sabbatical candidates are encouraged to participate in the hustings held in the halls of residence around town. Candidates are expected to participate in at least half of the organised hustings, unless prior notice is given to the Elections Committee for inability to attend for a good reason.

INFO BOX: Timings for halls hustings will be given to sabbatical candidates at the [[sabbs meeting]]. Candidates will be informed of speech length and amount of time for questions will also be determined at that meeting, according to the number of candidates and time availability.

3.3. *Sabbatical debate* — The sabbatical debate will take place on Wednesday of Elections Week [[time, place]]. The debate will consist of a separate debate for each position, with candidates being given 2 minutes for an opening speech, followed by questions from the floor to be answered by all candidates, concluding with a 1 minute closing speech.

3.4. *School President hustings* — Hustings for School Presidents are organised by the outgoing School President, unless that individual is running for re-election, in which case the husting will be organised by the Elections Committee. Candidates will be informed of the alternative arrangements.

Section 4. Budget.

4.1. *Allocation* — All purchases related to publicity material need to be recorded and counted towards each candidate's budget. Sabbatical candidates may spend no more than £100. All other candidates may spend no more than £35.

4.2. *Authorisation* — The authority to authorise any purchase lies with the Elections Committee. Candidates should provide a receipt to the Election Committee for reimbursement and authorisation. Candidates will be penalised for unauthorised spending.

INFO BOX: If you can't afford the budget to run a campaign, we will help with the costs. Candidates are encourage to let Iain Cupples (Student Advocate [Education]) or Jillian Cowan (Management Accountant) know as soon as possible. Evidence of financial hardship will be required, and this will be handled in complete confidence.

4.3. *Reimbursement, sabbatical candidates* — All sabbatical candidates are entitled to 50% reimbursement of their budget, regardless of first preference votes won. Any sabbatical candidate who participates in his/her general hustling and in the sabbatical debate (or provides prior notice with a good reason for absence) will be reimbursed his/her full budget, regardless of first preference votes won.

4.4. *Reimbursement, all other candidates* — All other candidates will have 50% their entire budget reimbursed, if they have participated in their general hustling or given prior notice with a good reason for absence.

4.5. *Reimbursement, time limit* — Budgets will be repaid for up to one calendar month after the election results are announced.

Section 5. Campaigning.

5.1. *Time period* — Campaigning starts at the designated end of the [[all candidates meeting]] and ends when polls close at [[time above]]. Campaigning outside of this time period is not allowed.

5.2. *Definition* — Campaigning is understood as any public activity by a candidate or an individual on his/her team relating to the elections where one could reasonably expect a student who is not a member of the candidate's campaign team to hear or witness said activity. The exact enforcement of this definition in rules arbitration lies with the Elections Committee. References in the rules to activities that a candidate may not do apply to his/her whole team.

INFO BOX: While campaigning is prohibited outside of the designated period, you can start to prepare your campaign and assemble a campaign team in advance if you want. You can also print your materials in advance, although they must be stored with the Elections Committee until the start of campaigning.

5.3. *Campaign team, eligibility* — Only ordinary, life, and honorary members of the Students' Association are allowed to campaign for any candidate. (All matriculated students are automatically ordinary members.) Members of University or Union staff are not allowed to campaign. Students who also work for the University or the Union can campaign only when off duty.

5.4. *Campaign team, size* — Until the start of campaigning, campaign teams may not be larger than thirty people, not including the candidate him/herself.

5.5. *Campaign team, online groups* — If a candidate maintains a private online group (e.g., Facebook, Google Group), the candidate must ensure that the Senior Elections Officer or Deputy Senior Elections Officer is invited as a member of said group by no later than Sunday of Elections Week, or 12 hours after the creation of the group, whichever is later. Access is treated confidentially and used only to ensure rule compliance.

INFO BOX: There is a lot you're not allowed to do as a candidate, but there's even more that you are allowed to do. If you have any doubt about any aspect of your campaign activity or campaign team, the Elections Committee is here to provide guidance and to support candidates as best as possible to ensure a fair and thriving elections process.

Any questions, contact any member of the Elections Committee or email saelect@.

5.6. *Unfair advantages prohibited, personal contacts* — No candidate may use personal or work contacts to gain an unfair financial advantage over other candidates.

5.7. *Unfair advantages prohibited, positions held* — No candidate may use any position of responsibility (e.g., society positions) to actively advertise their campaign but may continue to serve in their role without referencing the elections.

5.7. *Unfair advantages prohibited, endorsements* — No affiliated societies or subcommittees may officially endorse any candidate.

5.8. *Prohibited activity, antisocial behaviour* — Candidates should be aware that when campaigning, they are not just representing themselves but also the Association, the University, and its students. No candidate should engage in a conflict with a competitor or with the townfolk, play unsociably loud music or other disturbances, pester people, or be abusive to other candidates.

5.9. *Prohibited activity, personal attacks* — Candidates are encouraged to share and debate ideas related to the positions up for election, using constructive criticism where relevant. No candidate may use a personal attack on any other candidate for any reason.

5.10. *Prohibited activity, halls of residence* — Halls of residence are people's homes, and candidates should not intrude or annoy students in their own homes. Candidates are not allowed to disturb residents at dinner or request that they are allowed to address the dining hall. Hall hecklings for sabbatical candidates will be organised centrally by the Elections Committee; candidates should not try to contact Residence Managers or Wardens individually for information. Candidates are allowed to display publicity (e.g., flyers, posters, etc.) in halls of residence, but are not allowed to flyer individual rooms or flats.

5.11. *Prohibited activity, academic venues* — No candidate may campaign in lectures, seminars, tutorials, or lab classes. No candidate should ask to speak before or after lectures, or use the lecture theatre as a vehicle for campaigning.

5.12. *Prohibited activity, University Libraries* — No candidate may campaign actively inside any of the University Library's sites (including flyering desks or handing out publicity

material), namely – the Main Library, St Mary’s Library, JF Allen Library, Purdie Library, and Martyrs Kirk. Candidates may hand in one poster to the library staff for display in the Main Library. Posters can be hung on the old railings on the southeast corner of the main Library building but not on the railings opposite the main entrance. Any posters put up by students must be removed at the end of campaigning. Candidates may campaign outside the Main Library by keeping to the gravel, but noise must be kept to a minimum and no music should be played during campaigning. Candidates should not block the entrance to the building.

5.13. *Prohibited activity, Union Building* — No candidate may campaign if causing a disruption to the Union’s commercial services or nuisance to paying customers. No candidate may campaign in the Elections Office. Candidates may submit one poster to the Elections Committee to be posted in the Students’ Association: candidates are not permitted to put up any other posters inside the Union Building. No campaigning is allowed inside the Union Building on the Friday of Elections Week as it is a polling station.

5.14. *Prohibited activity, online campaigning* — No candidate may engage in any online campaigning that automatically includes an individual without their consent to be a part of it. Specifically, Facebook groups are prohibited. (Facebook groups may be used for private campaign organising.) No candidate may use any society, School, or any other mailing list to harvest email addresses, phone numbers, or any other data for campaign purposes. No candidate may use any pre-existing social media group or website to promote his/her campaign.

5.15. *Prohibited activity, public property* — No candidate may mark or deface any public property (e.g., pavements, walls) with chalk or anything else. Candidates may only post publicity where they have received explicit permission to do so from the relevant person or body.

5.16. *Prohibited activity, motor vehicles* — No candidate may use a car or any other vehicle to promote his/her campaign.

5.17. *Prohibited activity, et cetera* — No candidate may engage in blackmail, bribery, and harassment in relation to his/her campaign. No candidate should break the law (e.g., flyposting) or do anything that would bring the candidate or the Students’ Association into disrepute while campaigning. Candidates should be mindful to ensure their safety and the safety of their team members.

Section 6. Publicity.

6.1. *Budgeting compliance* — All publicity, online or physical, must be budgeted and, as a part of this, matched to receipts as relevant. As such, all publicity should be validated to the Elections Committee. Unauthorised publicity is prohibited and subject to penalty.

INFO BOX: Candidates are encouraged to be innovative and creative with their publicity tactics. Posters, stickers, banners, campaign websites, paid web ads, and social media profiles/pages are all common forms of publicity – subject to the rules in this section.

While your publicity must be budgeted, the materials to create your publicity are not required to be declared. This includes pens, paper, glue, scissors, glitter, string, tape,

paint, and face paint. Recycled items that candidates acquire for free, such as cardboard boxes, may not be charged either – subject to the discretion of the Elections Committee.

If you have any questions on compliance with this section, please contact the Elections Committee or email saelect@. In particular, we encourage candidates to 'preview' printed materials with the Elections Committee digitally before printing to ensure your stuff meets the standard.

6.2. *Budget limitation* — The budget allocated to each candidate may only be used for publicity for that candidate. Candidates cannot refer to other candidates in their publicity.

6.3. *Students' Association and Athletic Union resources* — No candidate may use any Students' Association or Athletic Union resources to help his/her campaign.

6.4. *Poster sizes* — Posters for sabbatical candidates may not exceed the size of an A3 sheet of paper. Posters for all other candidates may not exceed the size of an A4 sheet of paper.

6.5. *Required elements* — Each printed poster and flyer must contain the date of the election and an encouragement to recycle. Posters and flyers for AU President candidates must also contain the Saints Sport logo.

6.6. *Regulation of banners* — Banners must be properly secured when put up, and no candidate may use any hanging weights (e.g., water bottles) as they pose a safety risk. The Elections Committee reserves the right to ask candidates to move or take down any banners.

6.7. *Edible goods* — All costs of production and/or purchase of any edible goods (e.g., cakes or sweets) must be reported to the Elections Committee and deducted from the candidate's budget. No candidate is permitted to give out free or discounted alcohol as a way of promoting his/her campaign.

6.8. *Offensive material* — No publicity should contain anything offensive. The Elections Committee retains the right to define what qualifies as offensive.

Section 7. Rule Breaking.

7.1. *Rule compliance* — By electronically signing the online nominations form, candidates agree to comply with the Elections Rules.

7.2. *Rule monitoring* — It is the responsibility and authority of the Elections Committee to ensure a fair elections process by monitoring compliance and deciding when rule breaking occurs. With exception of the right to appeal mentioned in 7.6 and 7.7, the decisions of the Elections Committee are final.

7.3. *Notification limit* — The Elections Committee should be informed of any alleged rule breaking within 48 hours of the alleged infraction. Any individual may submit a report of rule breaking, and the Elections Team may ask for further information and information of any witnesses to help reach a decision. The final deadline for complaints about rule breaking is 5pm on the Tuesday following the elections results.

7.4. *Result notification* — The Elections Committee will notify the informant of Section 7.3 of the Elections Committee's judgement by the end of the day of the submitted report. In the event of an affirmative decision by the Elections Committee that rule breaking occurred, the Elections Committee will separately notify the candidate in question.

7.5. *Rule breaking by team member* — If someone other than the candidate or his/her campaign manager has broken a rule, the candidate or campaign manager must have taken every reasonable step to prevent it and should attempt to rectify and compensate for rule breakings.

7.6. *Right to appeal* — Any candidate (except a candidate for AU President, see 7.7) found guilty of rule breaking by the Elections Committee may appeal that decision by submitting his/her case, in writing, to the Chair of the Students' Association Board, Kevin Dunion. Appeals must be made on the basis of:

- Bias or prejudice,
- Information not known at the time, or
- Procedural irregularity.

7.7. *Right to appeal, AU President* — Any candidate for AU President found guilty of rule breaking by the Elections Committee may appeal that decision by submitting his/her case, in writing, to Malcolm MacLeod, Vice-Principal (Enterprise & Engagement). Appeals must be made on the basis of:

- Bias or prejudice,
- Information not known at the time, or
- Procedural irregularity.

7.8. *Penalties* — In response to rule breaking, the Elections Committee may, depending on the severity of the case, issue punishments such as written warnings, fines, disqualification of part or all of budget reimbursement, or disqualification from the election.

Section 8. Voting & Results.

8.1. *Voting method* — Each student shall have a single transferable vote for every election. Voting will be conducted online.

8.2. *Public polling station* — A polling station shall be made available in the front reception of the Union Building on Friday of Elections Week.

8.3. *Results Verification* — Results are subject to verification by a nominee of the Students' Association Board and of the University Court that the process was fair. Candidates may challenge the results if they believe they were unfair by submitting an appeal according to the process detailed in sections 7.6 and 7.7.

J. 27 – APPENDIX II

Legend:

AC – Accommodation

CR – Community Relations

ED – Education

EE – Environment & Ethics

EY – Employability

EO – Equal Opportunities

EX – External Campaigns

PG – Postgraduate

WB – Wellbeing

xxC – Committee

xxO – Officer

1. *Generally* – Replace all references to ‘Elections Officers Committee’ with ‘Elections Committee’.

In Chapter 1:

2. Amend §3.4.9 (DoRep Sabbatical Team) to the following:

3.4.9.1. Postgraduate **Society** President

3.4.9.2. ~~Senate Representatives~~ **Postgraduate Convenor**

3.4.9.3. Faculty Presidents

3.4.9.4. Association LGBT Officer

3.4.9.5. SRC Education Officer

3. Amend §3.7.3 (EEO remit) to replace the Director of Representation with the Association President.
4. Amend §3.11.1.2 (EEC membership) to replace the Director of Representation with the Association President.

In Chapter 2:

5. Amend §1.1 (SRC Elected Membership) to the following:

- 1.1.1. Association President
- 1.1.2. Association Director of Events & Services
- 1.1.3. Association Director of Student Development & Activities
- 1.1.4. Association Director of Representation
- 1.1.5. Association Chair
- 1.1.6. Association Community Relations Officer
- 1.1.7. Association Environment & Ethics Officer
- 1.1.8. Association LGBT Officer
- 1.1.9. President of the Athletic Union
- 1.1.10. SRC Education Officer
- 1.1.11. SRC Accommodation Officer
- 1.1.12. SRC Equal Opportunities Officer
- 1.1.13. SRC External Campaigns Officer
- 1.1.14. SRC Employability Officer
- 1.1.15. SRC Wellbeing Officer
- 1.1.16. SRC Member for First Year
- 1.1.17. SRC Member for Widening Access
- 1.1.18. SRC Member for Students with Disabilities
- 1.1.19. SRC Member for International Students
- 1.1.20. SRC Member for Mature Students
- 1.1.21. SRC Member for Part-Time Students
- 1.1.22. SRC Member for Ethnic Minorities
- 1.1.23. SRC Member for University Accommodation
- 1.1.24. SRC Member for Private Accommodation
- 1.1.25. ~~Association~~ Postgraduate ~~President~~ **Convenor**
- 1.1.26. Arts/Divinity ~~Senate Representative~~ **Faculty President**
- 1.1.27. Science/Medicine ~~Senate Representative~~ **Faculty President**
- ~~1.1.28. SRC Member for Postgraduate Taught Courses (non-voting)~~
- ~~1.1.29. SRC Member for Postgraduate Research Courses (non-voting)~~
- 1.1.30. Education Researcher (non-voting)

- 6. Amend §4.2 (listing SRC subcommittees) to reference the SRC Wellbeing and SRC Employability Committees.
- 7. Amend §5.1.2 and §5.1.5 (ACO remit) to include Association President instead of Director of Representation.
- 8. Amend §5.2 (ACC Membership) to include Association President and remove Director of Representation.
- 9. Strike §5.7.16 (SRC Member for Part-Time Students as EOC Member).
- 10. Strike §5.10.3 (EXO remit re: attending CHES meetings).
- 11. Amend §5.11.1 (EXC membership) to include the EYO and the WBO and remove the two SRC nominees.

12. Amend §5.13.1.4 (EYC membership re: PG President) to reference Postgraduate Convenor, or his/her designate from the elected Postgraduate Society Committee.
13. Strike §6.1 (Senate Representatives) and replace with:

6.1. Faculty Presidents – The Faculty Presidents shall:

6.1.1. Inherit the title of ‘Senate Representatives’ and be elected accordingly;

6.1.2. Represent the views of the SRC, in conjunction with the other student members, to the Academic Council and Senatus Academicus;

6.1.3. Represent the views of his/her constituency to both the SRC and the Senatus Academicus;

6.1.4. Be full members of the SRC Education Committee and SRC Education Executive Committee;

14. Strike §6.2 (Members of Student Groups).

15. Add a new section, §6.2, as follows:

6.2. Postgraduate Convenor – The Postgraduate Convenor shall:

6.2.1. Inherit the title of ‘Postgraduate Senate Representative’ and be elected accordingly;

6.2.2. Represent the views of the SRC and of his/her constituency, in conjunction with the other student members, to the Academic Council and Senatus Academicus;

6.2.3. Sit *ex officio* as a member of the SSC Postgraduate Committee;

6.2.4. Be a full member of the SRC Education Committee and the SRC Education Executive Committee;

6.2.5. Serve as the postgraduate student member to the University’s Learning & Teaching Committee;

6.2.6. Convene and chair the Postgraduate Forum;

In Chapter 3:

16. Amend §1.1.10 (SSC membership re: PG Pres) to refer to the Postgraduate Society President.

17. Amend §4.2.9 (Postgraduate Committee as SSC subcommittee) to remove reference to St Leonard’s College.

18. Amend §5.10 (defining PG President role) as follows:

5.10. The ~~Association~~ Postgraduate **Society** President shall have special responsibility for the SSC Postgraduate Committee (~~the St Leonard’s College Postgraduate Society~~) and shall:

5.10.1. Convene and chair the SSC Postgraduate Committee;

5.10.2. Work in consultation with the ~~Association President~~ **Director of Representation** and the Director of Student Development & Activities, including during formulation of the Society’s annual budget;

5.10.3. Call the SSC Postgraduate Committee AGM; **and**

5.10.4. Carry out other duties numbered in the Postgraduate Society Constitution.

In Chapter 4:

19. Amend §1 to remove reference to Senate Representatives.

In Chapter 6:

20. Amend §1.1 (positions for election) to remove the Association Postgraduate President, SRC Member for Part-Time Students, and the Senate Representatives; to rename the SRC Equal Opportunities & Welfare Officer to SRC EOO; and to add the Postgraduate Society President, the Postgraduate Convenor, and the Faculty Presidents as relevant.
21. Amend §1.3.2 (eligibility) to clarify that two Faculties exist within each Faculty President constituency.
22. Amend §1.3.4 (limit to candidacies) to remove reference to Senate Reps.
23. Amend §1.4.2.2 (handover date: Jul 1) to include the Postgraduate Society President and the Postgraduate Convenor.
24. Amend §1.4.2.3 (handover date: Aug 1) to change to the Faculty Presidents.
25. Add a new §1.4.2.4: 'The School Presidents shall take office at the end of the next consecutive examination diet.'
26. Amend §4.1.4 (when Senior Elections Officer casts tie-breaking ballot) to refer to the beginning of voting rather than beginning of nominations.
27. Amend §4.3 (nominations process) to the following: 'Nominations of all candidates for election shall be made online according to the requirements set out in these Laws and in the election rules.'
28. Strike §4.4.2 (requiring printing to occur in General Office).
29. Strike §4.5.6 (detailing time requirements for hustings).
30. Strike §4.7.2 (voting papers must come from Elections Cmte).
31. Strike §4.7.3 (staffing of ballot boxes and vote counting).

Mr Woodhouse proposed the motion and Mr Palmer seconded.

Mr Woodhouse introduced the motion as such: I'm going to focus on leading you through Appendix 1, which is what the rules are. Appendix 2 changes the laws so that they fit what the rules are. One of the things that you'll notice is we'll revisit the ways we've structured. Example is the elimination of part time student's role; most of the changes aren't about how they run campaigns but in how they're administered. Changes allow us to have more information available on sabbatical officer candidates, they'll be reimbursed not on the basis of votes but on participation in the campaign, which is fairer. That was done because Sabbatical Officers campaigns are more intense than other and felt it was more appropriate to have the step up for that. We've defined campaigning to make it clearer so the candidates know what counts and what doesn't. Also, we've now codified that campaigns can be pre-organised but online groups can't have more than 30 people in them, as there's a line between campaigning and having a group. The intention is that will be monitored.

Ms Lewis asked whether that were proposals for a Student Services Council handover mixer.

Mr Woodhouse answered that there weren't any currently.

Ms Ekanayaka stated that some people had approached her about providing designers for their campaign and asked how the members felt about that.

Ms Hill answered that they could as it was open to everyone but, due to the standing of the committee, they had to either say yes to everyone or no to everyone.

Mr Baldi stated that that question would be best dealt with by the Elections Committee.

Ms Gold stated that the question needed to be answered sooner than that.

Ms Ekanayaka stated that people had already asked.

Mr Woodhouse stated that he didn't know whether he could arbitrate the question now but he agreed with Ms Hill's general points that, unless Ms Ekanayaka could provide 70 volunteers for to ensure all candidates have assistance, he'd say no.

Mr Lord asked, on the campaign sizes, if that was a new thing for counting volunteers and how it would be quantified.

Mr Woodhouse answered that it would be based on Facebook groups and that it was newly codified but was previous practice.

Mr Cordrey asked if it only applied before the embargo was lifted.

Mr Woodhouse answered that it only applied before the embargo.

Ms Lewis asked if there was a time-limit on the questions.

Mr Woodhouse answered that there was flexibility from the chair but that the event was at 1930 and closed at 2230 and that debate had to close before the polls opened. Mr Woodhouse stated that there was hard limits at 2259 so that voters had all information open to them.

Mr Patterson asked if that was the same time as speeches had been given the previous year.

Mr Woodhouse answered that Mr Patterson was correct; it was almost identical to last year.

Mr Baldi asked if there was any objection to taking the Urbonaite, Anderson, and Woodhouse I and III amendments *en bloc*.

Mr Cordrey asked whether Woodhouse 1 was a technical change.

Mr Baldi answered that it was as it merely brought the document into alignment with the rest of the document.

Without dissent, Urbonaite I, Anderson I, Woodhouse I, and Woodhouse III were adopted.

Mr Cordrey highlighted that Woodhouse IIII was not a technical change and abolished a position.

Without dissent, the rules were suspended and the motion was returned to its stated prior to the adoption of Urbonaite I, Anderson I, Woodhouse I, and Woodhouse 3.

Mr Baldi stated that the amendments would be considered individually.

Mr Baldi stated that the question was on the adoption of Anderson I.

Anderson I Amendment to J. 27

Mr Anderson moved that all references to Member for Widening Access be struck from J. 27 and its Appendices and be replaced by Member for Widening Access and Participation.

Ms Hill seconded.

The amendment was adopted without dissent.

Mr Baldi stated that the question was on the adoption of Urbonaite I.

Urbonaite I Amendment to J. 27

Ms Urbonaite moved to strike all references to 'Ethics & Environment' and replaced it with 'Environment & Ethics' from the motion J. 27 and its appendices.

Ms Kennedy-O'Brien seconded.

The amendment was adopted without dissent.

Mr Baldi stated that the question was on the adoption of Woodhouse I.

Woodhouse I Amendment to J. 27

J.27 A Motion to Amend the Rules & Regulations of the Students' Association Elections

[...]

This SRC & SSC Resolve:

[...]

2. To adopt the conforming amendments to the Laws of the Students' Association (Appendix II)

[...]

J. 27 – Appendix II

[...]

In Chapter 2

5. Amend §1.1 (SRC Elected Membership) to the following:

[...]

~~1.1.21 SRC Member for Part Time Students~~

Ms Morrice seconded the motion.

Without dissent, the motion was adopted.

Mr Baldi stated that the question was on the adoption of Woodhouse II.

Woodhouse II Amendment to J. 27

J.27 A Motion to Amend the Rules & Regulations of the Students' Association Elections

[...]

This SRC & SSC Resolve:

1. To approve the attached version of the Rules & Regulations of the Students' Association (Appendix 1)

[...]

J. 27 – Appendix I

[...]

Important Information

[...]

The Elections Committee will be [9 people; all four sabbs, DoRep as Snr Officer, SA President DOES as Deputy Snr Officer; others chosen by volunteer process].

Ms Hill seconded.

The motion was adopted without dissent.

Mr Baldi stated that the question was on the adoption of Woodhouse III.

Woodhouse III to J. 27

Mr Woodhouse moved that

1. the second sentence in J. 27 Appendix I 6.2 be struck;
2. that a fifth resolving clause be inserted into J. 27 that reads 'The Director of Representation, in cooperation with the Director of Events and Services, insert an info box following 6.2 that clarifies the implementation of 6.2';
3. and that a sixth resolving clause be inserted in to J. 27 that reads 'The election committee shall correct all grammar errors as required'.

Ms Kennedy-O'Brien seconded the motion.

Mr Woodhouse introduced the amendment as such: this motion clarifies that if it's printed or costs money to make, you can't reference other candidates but that free campaigning can. The rest is to bypass the bureaucratic devil.

Ms Hill stated that motion would also allow slates to be ran, but ensures that there is no funding of one.

Ms Gold stated that slating could happen within Sabbatical Officers, Students' Representative Council, Student Services Council, or School Presidents.

Ms Hill stated that a group of candidates who, for example, disagreed with international tuition fees could form called the 'anti-fees group', and then campaign jointly by placing the name 'Anti-Fees' on their posters.

Ms Gold stated that it was, of course, not necessary to be on a slate.

The motion was adopted without dissent.

Mr Baldi stated that the question was on the adoption of J. 27, as amended.

Mr Woodhouse stated that one of the things he had wanted to bring up, and that had been raised in the Students' Representative Council, was that nominees were required to include a picture of themselves. Mr Woodhouse stated that a number of proposals were discussed, ultimately the Students' Representative Council did not agree on any changes.

Mr Patterson asked if Mr Woodhouse was referring to 'the face thing'.

Ms Gold answered that it was; the Association required a photograph of all candidates' likenesses.

Mr Swedrup asked if that meant that you weren't allowed to put anything up.

Mr Woodhouse answered that Mr Swedrup was correct; it had to be a photograph of your likeness.

Ms Hill stated that when the Students' Representative Council discussed this aspect there were three motions, all of which were very split, and people were really struggling to reach consensus.

Mr Patterson asked if the photograph was required to go alongside the blurb on the ballot and asked why it was so contentious.

Ms Hill answered that a large number of people in the Students' Representative Council had received an email from someone, who was potentially a student, which was uncomfortable with a picture being compulsory. Ms Hill stated that the email contained a lot of information about CVs in other countries and other legitimate reasons in other contexts, but that weren't necessarily applicable to elections.

Mr Patterson stated that he didn't think there was a viable alternative.

Ms Hill stated that another example that had been in the email was a screenshot of a Facebook post where someone had said they were voting based on who was best looking for the position of Gender Equality.

Mr Patterson stated that you could not control how people made their decisions but that he did not condone that behaviour. Mr Patterson added that they couldn't control people who wanted to make immature judgements.

Ms Woodhall stated that pictures were required in case people didn't know names but remembered the faces. Ms Woodhall added that she could also appreciate that they could also do something like 'that person bored me the least'.

Mr Patterson stated that it was, unfortunately, a fact of life.

Ms Hill stated that one of the proposals that had been made, that wasn't accepted, if that a campaign logo could be used such as Alex Thornton-Reid's handprint. Ms Hill stated that she didn't have a picture and no one knew her face but everyone could recognise the handprint.

Mr Norris stated that both Students' Representative Council and Student Services Council positions were about providing a service and, if they were coming to see you, they would need to know what you looked like to get in contact. Mr Norris stated that it then became a logistical issue.

Mr Patterson stated that the expression was 'the face of the organisation' for a reason, people needed to have a face. Mr Patterson stated that he would not vote for a candidate that did not provide a picture.

Ms Hill stated that the concern was that people might make a decision based on there being a prominent scar or a particular skin tone.

Mr Patterson stated that they were making a decision on whether they looked good for the job.

Ms Lewis stated that she had met a lot of people the previous year, went to a lot of hecklings, and didn't necessarily remember their policies but associated their policies to a face.

Ms Hill stated that people would do that but was worried that people might make decisions based on appearance.

Ms Ekanayaka stated that Mr Patterson was saying people could judge character based on appearance rather than on their looks. Ms Ekanayaka stated that she would rather have the picture be optional but understood the reasons for it also compulsory. Ms Ekanayaka stated that, if it were a choice with people being uncomfortable, after the election it's going to be necessary to have a picture anyway. Ms Ekanayaka stated that having your picture posted is an efficient way to jog people's minds.

Mr Dixon stated that he was on the fence and could see both arguments. Mr Dixon stated that the argument for leaving them in was not so people could make decisions based on appearance but based on remembering them.

Ms Urbonaite stated that there had been a long discussion in the Students' Representative Council with amendments suggesting pictures being optional, logos, or event that having it be optional with a note recommending them provide one for their own benefit. The final decision that it was best as it was.

Ms Gold asked if someone nominated themselves but didn't provide a blurb, would they be on the ballot.

Mr Woodhouse stated that, to complete the process, they must submit both a blurb and a photograph. Mr Woodhouse stated that, as it stood, he would reject a student that didn't do either.

Mr Norris stated that he was also on the fence but, apropos judging people, people would judge if one wasn't provided. Mr Norris stated that, if it was left up to a personal decision, in the end it would get to the stage where it should just be left. Mr Norris stated that they would need to decide, personally, whether they'll be judged badly on looks or badly for not submitting a picture. Options should be between whether there are even pictures at all.

Ms Woodhall asked what would happen if there was someone who was a devout Muslim and who had their face covered. Ms Woodhall stated that wasn't a serious question and then asked whether it would be possible to have a system where the logo was shown and then, on scrolling over, a face picture appeared to jog their memory.

Ms Hill asked if that was possible.

Mr Dixon stated that it would be easy to implement.

Mr Lord stated that it was an interesting suggestion but added in an extra dimension where people could judge based on what was the best design.

Mr Patterson stated that he was no encouraging people to judge based on appearance only recognising that it did take place and was a fact life; people will judge.

Mr Woodhouse stated that variants of that had been brought up in the Students' Representative Council and that it was important to have things be totally fair. Mr Woodhouse stated that there could be no question of inequality and that was why he had opposed them. Mr Woodhouse stated that he was hesitant to have it as optional as it would be a false choice where people would lose for not providing one. Mr Woodhouse stated that it needed to be across the board, photos or no photos, and that was the only way to be fair.

Ms Lewis stated that she didn't think people should be forced to have logos and she had previously seen posters that had pink backgrounds and that was that. Ms Lewis stated that it was not good to force people. Ms Lewis stated that she hoped people made decisions based on reading the blurbs, Facebook, and attending events and hecklings.

Mr Woodhouse stated that Ms Woodhall's proposal was technically feasible but the site was managed by the MMS team. Mr Woodhouse stated that amendments to the system were possible but that the more involved they became the more difficult it would become for IT Services to provide their services.

Ms Woodhall stated that she appreciated not everyone would want a logo and, in that case, they could have their name. Ms Woodhall stated that she agreed you couldn't give it as an optional thing and that it needed to be all or none. Ms Woodhall stated that if someone didn't want to give a picture she would probably, subconsciously, judge that decision on that grounds that if they weren't comfortable with a picture would they be comfortable with public life.

Ms Hill moved that 'Optional' be inserted before 'Photograph of your likeness' in J. 27 Appendix 1, 2.5.

Mr Swedrup asked whether it would be possible to use people's matriculation photographs and, therefore, everyone would look equally miserable.

Ms Hill joked that hers did not constitute a photograph of her likeness.

Ms Urbonaite asked whether Ms Hill was proposing an optional photograph or optional 'other things'.

Ms Hill answered that the choice was between having a photograph of your likeness or no photograph.

Ms Gold stated that she would judge anyone for not providing a photograph and assume that it was something that they had not managed to get done.

Ms Hill stated that the expectation was it would be clear it was a conscious decision not to provide one.

Ms Dick stated that she would be worried it could work the opposite way and, if people were really anti-photographs, then they could decide to vote for those who didn't provide photographs.

Ms Lewis stated that if someone wanted to make a statement then they should stand up for what they believed in.

Mr Woodhouse reiterated that it would be a false choice and would allow people to make a decision based on things that were not relevant to the election. Mr Woodhouse stated that it should be compulsory photographs or no photographs.

Ms Gold stated that, before she was cut-off, she was going to say she would judge people for not putting them up but that it was their choice.

Mr Patterson stated that one problem that might arise is if you don't have a photograph then people might judge based on their names or if there were people with the same name. Mr Patterson stated that that was a tactic that Kennedy used and that had benefited him immensely.

Mr Tantillo stated that if people like to judge then there was no feasible way to stop people from judging others.

Ms Hill stated that there was a lot of research about how judgemental people were based on looks and that, while it was probably endless, at least making some reference that there was an issue would be good.

Ms Urbonaite stated that she liked the idea of the logos but if they couldn't choose between logos or photographs then the photograph should be left as compulsory.

Mr Woodhouse stated that he did not see how eliminating the photograph eliminated the problem, that people had previously voted based on gender, and that more information was better than less information.

Ms Woodhall stated that it was better to acknowledge there was a problem and campaign about that rather than removing the chance for people to judge. Ms Woodhall stated that would be the high road.

Ms Hill stated that she agreed 100% and noted that she wasn't for removing photographs, just giving people the choice. Ms Hill stated that she just wanted people to be able to choose.

Ms Lewis stated that she wanted people to note that the picture was really small. Ms Lewis held her thumb and index finger apart by about an inch to indicate the dimensions of the photograph.

Mr Patterson stated that names alone wouldn't work and, if you don't have a name and a picture, it wouldn't work.

Ms Urbonaite moved that the previous question be ordered.

Ms Ekanayaka objected on the grounds that she had not exhausted her speaking rights.

Ms Ekanayaka stated that, while she could not vote, she liked the idea of choice.

A roll-call vote was held in the Student Services Council:

OFFICE	NAME	AYE	NO	ABS.
Association Community Relations Officer	Katie O'Donnell			
Association Director of Events & Services	Daniel Palmer	X		
Association Director of Representation	Edward Woodhouse		X	
Association Director of Student Development & Activities	Kelsey Gold	X		
Association Environment & Ethics Officer	Dominyka Urbonaite		X	
Association LGBT Officer	David Norris		X	
Association Postgraduate President	Scott Schorr	X		
Association President	Chloe Hill			X
SSC Broadcasting Officer	Oscar Swedrup		X	
SSC Charities Officer	George Parker			
SSC Debates Officer	William Lord		X	
SSC Member for Societies Elections	Robert Dixon			X
SSC Member for Societies Grants	Emily Dick		X	
SSC Member w/o Portfolio	Keith Cordrey		X	
SSC Music Officer	Anna Merryfield			
SSC Performing Arts Officer	David Patterson		X	
SSC Societies Officer	Courtney Lewis		X	
SSC Volunteering Officer	Fay Holland	X		

With 4 members in the affirmative and 9 in the negative, the amendment was not adopted.

Ms Hill stated that Mr Woodhouse had not spoken about the positions at all.

Mr Norris asked if the mobile number would be on the ballot.

Mr Woodhouse answered that they would not and would only be for the information of the election committee.

Ms Hill stated that Mr Woodhouse had been cut off from explaining the committee changes and asked that he go in to it.

Mr Woodhouse stated that the faculty presidents had been merged with the Senate Representatives. Operationally School Presidents have been encouraged to run for Senate Representative, the argument is that the role is a super school president and supports them on thematic issues. Senate Representatives are better in that category.

Ms Hill stated that, within that, it needed to be highlighted that you couldn't be a School President and on the Student Services Council.

Mr Woodhouse stated that had been changed and now you couldn't be a School President and on the Councils, you had to choose one.

Mr Patterson asked if there were any examples of people holding two positions.

Ms Hill answered that there wasn't, but that people had ran for two and gotten neither. Ms Hill stated that the changed recognised that the roles and responsibilities had expanded and that it demonstrated that there were high expectations for holding them.

Mr Schorr stated that, in the previous week's meeting, they had discussed adding Postgraduate Officer to Appendix 1 Section 1.4.

The question was on the adoption of Schorr I Amendment to J. 27

Schorr I Amendment to J. 27

Mr Schorr moved to insert PG Officer (PG Society) into 1.4. of Appendix I of J. 27.

Mr Anderson seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted without dissent.

Ms Woodhall stated that the election committee was comprised of Sabbatical Officers and volunteers and asked who could volunteer.

Mr Woodhouse answered that any ordinary member of the Association could volunteer.

Ms Woodhall asked how they planned to do that.

Mr Woodhouse answered that it was in the Laws, not in the rules.

Ms Hill stated that it could just be advertised.

Motion J. 27, as amended, was adopted.

Mr Dixon moved that the mandatory recess be waived.

Ms Woodhall objected.

Mr Dixon withdrew his motion before the question was put thereon.

There was a ten minute recess.

9.6. J. 28 – A Motion to Change the Composition of the Students' Representative Council Education Committee

Mr Hajda proposed the motion and Mr Woodhouse seconded.

Mr Woodhouse introduced the motion as such: this, like faculty presidents, is about bringing everything in to one cohesive system. This motion creates an Executive Education Committee and brings the School Presidents in so that it's like they're part of the Association. Another substantive change is that the Member for Widening Access & Participation is no longer a voting member, that's at his behest as he did not feel like it was entirely relevant.

Mr Baldi stated that the question was on the adoption of Anderson I to J. 28.

Anderson I Amendment to J. 28

Mr Anderson moved that all references to 'Member for Widening Access' be struck and be replaced by 'Member for Widening Access & Participation'.

Ms Kelly seconded.

The motion was adopted without dissent.

Motion J. 28, as amended, was adopted without dissent.

9.7. J. 29 – A Motion to Create a Non-Voting Member Position for the Principle Ambassadors

Ms Hill proposed the motion and Mr Anderson seconded.

Ms Hill introduced the motion as such: ignoring that I spelled 'Principal' incorrectly the entire way, this recognises a large amount of work that is done between the Ambassadors and the Association. Working on them on the information passed along about the redevelopment, and on the representational side, Mr Anderson and I have been working on that. There's a joint scheme between the Students' Representative Council and Principal Ambassadors that Ms Borg established last year, encouraging people from low-income backgrounds to attend. This also covers non-academic stuff and felt it would be good if we were involved so that our angle was covered. All that combined meant that Ambassadors have said that they don't understand how the system works and they asked if it would be possible for them to attend. I answered that we wanted them to come but with a seat so that the strong ties would be recognised with the intention to highlight all the times we do with them. They seem really keen to be involved and it means that they will have a better understanding of us.

Mr Baldi stated that the question was on the adoption of West I Amendment to J. 29.

West I Amendment to J. 29

Ms West moved that

- 1. all references to 'principle' be struck from the motion and be replaced with 'principal';**
- 2. and that all references to 'SRC Member for Widening Access' be struck and replaced by 'SRC Member for Widening Access & Participation'.**

Mr Anderson seconded the motion.

The amendment was adopted without dissent.

Ms Ekanayaka stated that there were multiple Principal Ambassadors and asked who it was that would attend.

Ms Hill stated that they had all wanted to come but that they would need to decide amongst themselves who would have the seat.

Ms Lewis stated that they talked a lot about societies and asked if there was a reason they were only on the Students' Representative Council and not on the Student Services Council.

Ms Lewis stated that she struggled to see why they're on the Students' Representative Council as opposed to the Student Services Council.

Ms Hill stated that she agreed and that they might want to amend that later.

Ms Gold stated that she was pleased to see the motion and that it had been a big failing of the relations between the Ambassadors and the Association and that they had not known what was going on. Ms Gold stated that they were the first people you saw when you came to St Andrews and the Union was such an important part of that process. Ms Gold stated that if the motion meant the people at the front doors would know what was going on then she would support the motion and would totally support having them on the Student Services Council.

Mr Woodhouse stated that he would echo what he had said before and that was that he was worried that it might be inappropriate, and not very strategic, as the Union was a democratic organisation with only a few small exceptions that were present because of their technical knowledge. Mr Woodhouse added that, for the Students' Representative Council, the Rector's Assessor was traditionally elected and would have voting rights if he was. Mr Woodhouse stated that he would like to defend the democratic principles of the organisation. Mr Woodhouse stated that he wanted them to be involved but that the important question was how to do that and that he did not think the alternative of a Widening Access Committee had been fully discussed.

Mr Patterson stated that he was on the fence but added that the work the ambassadors do was long overdue some recognition. Mr Patterson stated that he did not understand what they brought to the table that couldn't otherwise be communicated and asked how Ms Hill saw them benefitting.

Ms Hill answered that they had explicitly asked to be invited so that they could see how they functioned and that they also had some very specific knowledge of things, things that they were interested in, and that they got training in. Ms Hill stated that Mr Anderson was getting very up to date knowledge from his interaction with the Ambassadors and that meant that he could go to WAP meetings and be fully up to do and operate effectively. Ms Hill stated that the ambassadors wanted to learn so that they could communicate the role of the Union better and so that the Association could learn from them.

Ms Gold stated that, ultimately, she would hope that it was the first step in bringing the Ambassadors under the Association's umbrella and that, currently, they were line managed by the University. Ms Gold stated that one of the pros from that was they had direct contact and that would be a really great resource to draw on. On the other hand, Ms Gold added, that meant they were not line managed by the Sabbatical Officers. With this, they could ask questions of the Sabbatical Officers and have more face time with them. Ms Gold stated that she and Ms Hill already did that with the current ambassadors and this would allow them to take advantage of that.

Mr Norris stated that they do have a lot of knowledge to do with the University and they would be an asset to the Students' Representative Council, but he did not see what they would get from attending that they couldn't get from reading the website. Mr Norris stated that it might be a waste of time on their part. Mr Norris stated that, with regards to the

democratic side, he didn't see what damage it would do. Mr Norris stated that they were usually hard working and really committed to and interested in the interests of students.

Ms Woodhall stated that, as they were non-voting, they wouldn't be able to directly influence things. Ms Ekanayaka and she knew that. Ms Woodhall stated that, on the whole, it sounded like they'd be really helpful and maybe they'd be helpful to the Student Services Council as well. Ms Woodhall asked if there was a precedent to do it only for a year.

Ms Hill answered that there was as each position should be reviewed every year.

Mr Baldi stated that it was contemplated as something that might be done.

Ms Lewis stated, on the subject of them knowing more, some of her closest friends still didn't understand what it was she did in the Union and it might be more useful to have someone train the ambassadors. Ms Lewis stated that she had passed a tour where they had no idea what societies there were and training would be more useful in solving that than sitting in meetings.

Mr Baldi reminded members that they must respect the decorum of the Council and that included not making silly faces at the Chair.

Mr Dixon apologised to Mr Baldi.

Ms Gold stated that she had got to train ambassadors for five minutes, and principal ambassadors are supposed to train them up.

Ms Hill stated that it would also make the Sabbatical Officers more comfortable for when they're training them. If they're within the Students' Representative Council then it would feel like it was their training for here and therefore more legitimate way of saying which things they should pass along. Ms Hill stated that the interesting thing was when there was a mini-uprising, or complaint, about a Widening Access project tours having to stop at the store they were uncomfortable, and if they had been in the Students' Representative Council they would have known that they could immediately come to the Sabbatical Officers to solve that. Ms Hill added that, as they were lined managed by the University, they didn't really know how to deal with it.

Mr Patterson moved that the previous question be ordered.

The motion was not in order.

Mr Cordrey asked if anyone would propose adding them to the Student Services Council.

Ms Ekanayaka moved that '& SSC' be inserted following 'To create a non-voting member position on the SRC' in resolving clause 1.

Ms Woodhall seconded the motion.

Ms Hill asked that, as much as she supported the idea, whether it might be better to allow the new Sabbatical Officers to deal with it after evaluating the success of their sitting on the Students' Representative Council. Ms Hill also highlighted that they hadn't been consulted on being a part of the Student Services Council and didn't want to invite them to something that they didn't want to do.

Ms Woodhall asked if it could be brought to the next Students' Representative Council meeting as it should be an option for them.

Ms Ekanayaka stated that if they want to come then it could be proposed.

Ms Woodhall stated that, either way, it was going to bounce back, either by striking a clause or by introducing an extra motion.

Ms Hill asked if it was easier to do it the way proposed.

Mr Baldi answered that, theoretically, this way took less time.

Without objection, the amendment was adopted.

A roll call vote was held in the Student Services Council:

OFFICE	NAME	AYE	NO	ABS.
Association Community Relations Officer	Katie O'Donnell			
Association Director of Events & Services	Daniel Palmer			X
Association Director of Representation	Edward Woodhouse		X	
Association Director of Student Development & Activities	Kelsey Gold	X		
Association Environment & Ethics Officer	Dominyka Urbonaite	X		
Association LGBT Officer	David Norris	X		
Association Postgraduate President	Scott Schorr			X
Association President	Chloe Hill	X		
SSC Broadcasting Officer	Oscar Swedrup	X		
SSC Charities Officer	George Parker			
SSC Debates Officer	William Lord	X		
SSC Member for Societies Elections	Robert Dixon	X		
SSC Member for Societies Grants	Emily Dick			X
SSC Member w/o Portfolio	Keith Cordrey			X
SSC Music Officer	Anna Merryfield			
SSC Performing Arts Officer	David Patterson	X		
SSC Societies Officer	Courtney Lewis		X	
SSC Volunteering Officer	Fay Holland	X		

With 9 members in the affirmative and 2 members in the negative, the motion, as amended, was adopted.

9.8. S. 8 – A Motion to Reduce the Amount of Paper Used in the SSC

THIS SSC NOTES THAT:

1. While agendas are currently printed out for every member of the SSC, many choose to read the week's agenda on laptops instead.

2. Members can currently 'opt-out' of having their agenda printed.
3. An increasing number of organisations worldwide encourage paperless practises.

THIS SSC BELIEVES THAT:

1. The Students' Association should be promoting environmental policies and setting an example by its own practises.
2. A number of printed agendas are left after each meeting and thrown away, which means significant amount of paper and ink are used for a couple hours only and then wasted, which shows current unsustainable practise.
3. If members would have to 'opt-in' to having the agenda printed the exact number of agendas required would be known and less paper would be wasted at meetings.
4. This motion does not forbid using printed agendas for Members who prefer them but only makes paperless practice a default rather than optional.

THIS SSC RESOLVES:

1. To inform all incoming members at their first meeting of SSC about paperless policy and ask if they wish to get a printed copy of agenda in each meeting (opt-in)
2. To print agendas for meetings as and when they are requested
3. Print agendas in a paper saving manner (double sided and in a small text if not specifically requested otherwise).
4. Do not print an agendas for a members who was opt-in but sent an apologies for that meeting.

Ms Urbonaite proposed the motion and Mr Schorr seconded.

Ms Urbonaite introduced the motion as such: there was a similar motion in the Students' Representative Council and I thought we should have a similar one in the Student Services Council. As it stands, you can opt out of printed agenda, this motion will make it an opt-in system and mean the exact number required could be produced. This will also reduce cost, which is relevant as last week there was a motion in the Students' Representative Council to appropriate funds as there was none left. Printing was a part of that. Student Councils should promote paperless but that shouldn't stop people using them.

Mr Lord asked if, by opting in, if that meant they would need to get in contact or sign up at the start of the year.

Ms Urbonaite answered that incoming members would be asked at the start of the year and could sign up then.

Mr Norris asked what would happen if there was a change between the agenda distributed and the one when they attended.

Ms Woodhall stated that, hopefully, any amendments would be in the inbox before the meeting.

Ms Ekanayaka asked what the previous policy was.

Mr Baldi answered that the policy before last week was that printing papers was an administrative matter within the jurisdiction of the Chair, though the last environment officer urged the chair to have an opt-in system. Mr Baldi stated that he changed it back to an opt-out system.

Mr Woodhouse stated that he wanted to point out there was only one plug in the room and that laptop batteries do die. Mr Woodhouse stated that the other thing was having paper in front of people meant everyone could contribute in a fair way. Mr Woodhouse stated that printing in A5 booklet form already halved the print budget, which was a big step, and was probably enough for the moment.

Ms Hill stated that, from an access point of view, she wanted people to feel they could contribute and it was difficult to do that through a laptop. Ms Hill stated that she did not like being on her laptop during meetings and tried to close it as soon as possible as it was difficult to focus otherwise.

Ms Urbonaite stated that he strongly believe that the policy should be as described in the motion and that it wouldn't stop people getting an agenda if they wanted one. Ms Urbonaite stated that if she knew she was coming she charged her laptop and had her internet offline to save battery. Ms Urbonaite stated that it would remain a personal choice.

Ms Lewis stated that, on the matter of laptops, seven people in the room attended the Societies Committee before the meeting and that laptops would run out. Ms Lewis added that she agreed that it was a personal choice if someone wanted an agenda before them. Ms Lewis stated that Ms Hill was right and that it was difficult to stay focussed if there were notifications popping up about Facebook and emails and so on, and that meetings were long and paper copies would ensure that people knew what they were looking at. Ms Lewis asked, on a point of clarification, whether the agenda would continue to be printed in A5.

Mr Baldi stated that his plan was to maintain the size and encourage his successor to do likewise.

Mr Patterson stated that the fine people from Ents could probably provide extensions.

Ms Ekanayaka asked whether it would be possible to have extra copies provided for every meeting.

Ms Urbonaite stated that the point raised by Mr Baldi was so that there could be extra copies provided for those who came in.

Mr Baldi stated that the wording should be clarified as resolving clause 4 would otherwise instruct him to not provide extra copies.

Mr Cordrey moved that a fifth resolving clause be added reading 'To print no fewer than two extra copies of the agenda for the public galleries.'

Mr Woodhouse seconded the motion.

Ms Urbonaite stated that the amendment would allow the chair to print more than two copies.

Ms Woodhall stated that it would allow the chair to print extra copies if he knew that there would be more than two people coming to the gallery or for the open forum.

Ms Lewis stated that the motion didn't need to be that strict as the spirit of the motion would guide the chair.

The motion passed without dissent.

Ms Hill moved that the previous question be ordered.

A roll-call vote was held in the Student Services Council:

OFFICE	NAME	AYE	NO	ABS.
Association Community Relations Officer	Katie O'Donnell			
Association Director of Events & Services	Daniel Palmer		X	
Association Director of Representation	Edward Woodhouse		X	
Association Director of Student Development & Activities	Kelsey Gold		X	
Association Environment & Ethics Officer	Dominyka Urbonaite	X		
Association LGBT Officer	David Norris	X		
Association Postgraduate President	Scott Schorr	X		
Association President	Chloe Hill		X	
SSC Broadcasting Officer	Oscar Swedrup		X	
SSC Charities Officer	George Parker			
SSC Debates Officer	William Lord		X	
SSC Member for Societies Elections	Robert Dixon			X
SSC Member for Societies Grants	Emily Dick	X		
SSC Member w/o Portfolio	Keith Cordrey	X		
SSC Music Officer	Anna Merryfield			
SSC Performing Arts Officer	David Patterson	X		
SSC Societies Officer	Courtney Lewis		X	
SSC Volunteering Officer	Fay Holland	X		

With 7 members in the negative and 7 members in the affirmative, and the Chair exercising his casting vote in the negative, the motion failed.

10. Any Other Competent Business

10.1. Announcements

Ms Hill announced that she had a brief statement regarding drug use. Ms Hill stated that the members may or may not have seen that the Sabbatical Officers had written an email telling students about the facts about a survey by *The Saint*. Ms Hill stated that the survey claimed to be anonymous but IT Services say that it is possible to make a link. Mr Hill stated that the email also highlighted those with concerns about drugs go to Student Services, as the email was about drugs. Ms Hill added that people could submit multiple times. Ms Hill stated that

since the email had been sent she had received email from both sides of the spectrum, either that she should tell people not to do drugs or that she should not tell people not to take part.

Ms Woodhall stated that *The Saint* has issued a response to Ms Hill.

Mr Patterson asked whether the evidence could hold up in court.

Ms Hill answered that the police could take the server and link the answered to you.

Mr Patterson stated that Mr Baldi had ruined the environment and therefore had no authority in the room.

Mr Baldi ruled that the gentleman's remarks were out of order.

Ms Dick stated that IP address wasn't sufficient and also that the Data Protection act wouldn't cover it with the police.

Ms Hill stated that IT Services stated it would not be anonymous.

Ms Woodhall stated that they would need more evidence than that and also be able to prove that any response submitted, such as a joking one that she was the biggest cokehead ever, was serious.

Ms Hill announced that the 50th Anniversary celebration was the following day and that between 15 and 20 ex-Sabbatical Officers would be attending, canapés would be provided by fine food and dining, there was to be a lot of wine, and Dr Anne Kettle would be coming to give a talk. Ms Hill clarified that Dr Kettle was the warden when John Burnett was a woman's only hall. Ms Hill added that Lorna Milne would be coming to talk about whatever she decided to talk about.

Mr Patterson stated that he would be attending, that he could not wait, and asked whether it was no technically the 51st Anniversary.

Ms Hill asked that he not talk about that.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2150