



University of St Andrews Students' Association Students' Services Council

MINUTES

Tuesday 14th October 2014 – School II, 7.00pm

Present

Joseph Tantillo	Association Chair
Zara Evans	Association Community Relations Officer
Leon O'Rourke	Association Director of Events and Services
Ondrej Hajda	Association Director of Representation
Fay Morrice	Association Director of Student Development & Activities
Madeline Belt	Association Environment & Ethics Officer
Fallon Sheffield	Association LGBT Officer
Sarah Thomson	President of the Athletic Union
Sean McDonald	SSC Broadcasting Officer
Kyle Blain	SSC Charities Officer
Charlotte Andrew	SSC Debates Officer
Nathalie Mitchell	SSC Design & PR Team Convenor
Lavin Ge Tian	SSC Entertainment Convenor
Michael Thadani	SSC External Funding Officer
Anna Kennedy-O'Brien	SSC Member without Portfolio
Ben Anderson	SSC Performing Arts Officer
David van Brussel	SSC Postgraduate Officer
Courtney Lewis	SSC Societies Officer
Nicole Timpone	SSC Volunteering Officer

Present

Michael Telfer	Minutes Secretary
David Norris	SRC Wellbeing Officer

Absent

Pat Mathewson	Association President
Anna Merryfield	SSC Music Officer

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted without dissent.

2. Apologies for Absence

Pat Mathewson Association President
Anna Merryfield SSC Music Officer

Raisin Talks
Academic Commitments

The apologies were accepted without dissent.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the joint meeting of the councils were circulated by electronic mail on the 13th of September 2014. With no objection made within the specified time, the minutes were adopted by electronic mail.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

There were no matters arising.

5. Open Forum

There was no business from the Open Forum.

6. Reports of the Sabbatical Officers

6.1. Report of the Department of Student Development & Activities

Ms Morrice reported that she had given talks about Raisin in halls and that those would be ongoing throughout the week. Ms Morrice encouraged those who were academic parents to be nice to their children. Ms Morrice stated that the Police would be ramping up their presence.

Ms Morrice reported that the Scott Lang application deadline was Friday and that those interested should send a short blurb to be considered.

Ms Morrice reported that information had been sent to University staff to try and find a coach for the University Challenge team.

Mr Hajda asked how many societies had met the reaffiliation deadline.

Ms Morrice answered that the numbers looked positive.

Mr Hajda asked if it was more than 150.

Ms Morrice answered that it possibly could be.

Ms Morrice stated that she was looking to copy the SVS's volunteering portal in the future.

6.2. Report of the Association President

Ms Morrice read a report on behalf of Mr Mathewson: the alumni reunion has been confirmed and we're looking for participation from any and all subcommittees. We're looking for students to run for the community council, anyone interested should get in touch. We're pursuing an employability project, and the pilot scheme is likely to be confirmed on Thursday at a meeting with Lorna Milne.

6.3. Report of the Association Director of Representation

Mr Hajda reported that there were now over 300 class reps, following an election which saw the most votes ever cast. Mr Hajda stated that he and Ms Struetzel had managed to train around 90% of them the previous week. Mr Hajda encouraged those with problems to talk to their class representatives.

Mr Hajda stated that raisin was coming and that he had sent a rota around to all council members to organise the clean up of the foam fight. Mr Hajda stated that those who hadn't yet filled it in should do so as it the event was a lot of fun and was over quite quickly. Mr Hajda stated that it would afford the members the opportunity to take photos from inside the foam fight and that brunch would be provided afterwards. Mr Hajda stated that a facebook page and yourunion.net/raisin would be used to distribute information.

Mr Hajda reported that SHAG week was the current week, and there were lots of events going on. Mr Hajda stated that library packs had been handed out, though many more were still to go.

Mr Hajda reported that Black History Month was ongoing with the biggest event, Tabula Rasa, scheduled for the following Thursday. Mr Hajda encouraged members to advertise the event as ticket sales had been slow.

Mr Hajda reported that he was working on Rectorial Elections, which would launch slowly during the current week before a big advertising push thereafter.

6.4. Report of the Association Director of Events & Services

Mr O'Rourke reported that he had been contacted by Britain's Got Talent who had informed him they would like to hold auditions in St Andrews on the 5th of November. Mr O'Rourke encouraged anyone who was interested in auditioning to contact him, such as the Acapella Groups, as they wanted to appeal to groups who wouldn't normally participate in the competition.

Mr O'Rourke reported that FFALL was a student music event which had hit a few stumbling blocks but which was mostly back on track. Mr O'Rourke encouraged members to attend the event on the 25th of October.

Mr O'Rourke reported that there were a few Black History Month events remaining, the open mic nights were going well, and karaoke was going from strength to strength.

Mr O'Rourke reported that anyone holding an event, regardless of if they'd spoken to himself or their line-managing sabbatical officer, had to fill in a booking request at reception and then have it signed by himself. Mr O'Rourke stated that they then had to attend the ENTS Users Group meeting.

7. Report of Officers

7.1. Report of the Association Community Relations Officer

Ms Evans reported that the working group was working on different things, including research into noise pollution, and getting bike lights for YourShop.

Ms Evans reported that she had attended a meeting with the University's new discipline officer and discussed goals and strategy, followed by a meeting with the community liaison office from the

Police, where they discussed the priorities and the stop and search feedback system. Ms Evans stated that Police Scotland would be upping the ante over Raison weekend.

Ms Evans reported that the community council elections were upcoming and encouraged everyone to get involved. Ms Evans stated that the council were currently quite happy with the stances the Association were taking.

7.2. Report of the Association Environment & Ethics Officer

Ms Belt reported that she was still building her subcommittee and had started planning for Green Week. Ms Belt stated that the University wanted a proposal on how they intended to offset some energy usage.

7.3. Report of the Association LGBT Officer

Ms Sheffield reported that Thursday would be the MxLGBT competition, which she and Mr O'Rourke would be judging alongside others. Ms Sheffield stated that there had been a few other successful events, including a pub quiz, although the Postgraduate Social had not been as successful as had been hoped.

Ms Sheffield reported that she had met with someone in the IR Department a fortnight prior to discuss a safe-spaces project, which was now planned to pilot in IR before spreading throughout the University. Ms Sheffield stated that she had sent a proposal to Mr Hajda to be reviewed.

Ms Sheffield reported that the Glasgow Clubbing event had been successful, with all members returning safely on the buses.

Ms Sheffield reported that she had met with the Old Course about Glitter Ball, and finalised timings and plans. Ms Sheffield stated that the capacity had been increased by 200 tickets.

Ms Sheffield reported that Queer Question time was the following Wednesday, at 1830 in Parliament Hall. Ms Sheffield stated that five speakers had been confirmed and they were waiting to hear back from three others.

Ms Sheffield reported that the new officers were doing really well.

Ms Sheffield reported that there were to be TED talks the following semester. Ms Sheffield encourages anyone who wanted to talk about queer issues to get involved as they would love to hear them speak.

Mr van Brussel asked what date the next LGBT Postgraduate Social would be on.

Ms Sheffield answered that either she or her Postgraduate Officer would email him the details.

7.4. Report for the President of the Athletic Union

Ms Thompson reported that she had met with Finance. Ms Thompson stated that as all memberships had been carried out online, they now knew that there were over 5000 students involved in sports across the University. Ms Thompson reported that two sports scholarships had been awarded. Ms Thompson reported that the department now had a new marketing and publicity

officer who would help to organise the social media, newsletters, as well as live streaming later in the year.

7.5. Report of the SSC Broadcasting Officer

Mr McDonald reported that listenership was higher than ever, with around 85 people listening to the highest-rated shows and around 30 being the average. Mr McDonald stated that the previous year, 30 had been the listenership which would be expected for the highest-rated shows. Mr McDonald reported that the next big event would be a pumpkin carving event

Ms Morrice asked if people were able to access the building.

Mr McDonald answered that there were still issues with cards not working after 10 O'Clock and that he'd check to see if it was the same that evening. Mr McDonald stated that it appeared as though STAR would be leaving the Gateway Building on the 31st.

Ms Morrice stated that their stay might be extended but that she'd keep Mr McDonald posted.

7.6. Report of the SSC Charities Officer

Mr Blain reported that they've been busy organising RAG Week, and all events were now split up so that every society even would have an event head.

Mr Blain reported that Big Top Ball would be taking place on the 20th of April, and they would be having a launch event in week three or four of semester 2, after RAG Week but before Elections.

Mr Blain reported that Race2 now had racers with 220 signed up to race. Mr Blain stated that despite their being the most to sign up, the online registration system meant that it had been completed in record time. Mr Blain stated that they were now working on organising buses and safety team in the 2.5 months to go.

Mr Blain reported that the sponsored charities were coming to visit, with Families First having visited the previous week, Macmillan scheduled to visit this week, and MSF due to visit the week after Raisin. Mr Blain stated that there was to be a cheque handover in the next few weeks, which the SRC and SSC would be invited to attend.

Mr Blain reported that the halls were carrying out lots of fun charitable events, with the first totals for the Hamilton Shied due in a few weeks.

Mr Blain reported that the Union total was over £6,000.

Mr McDonald asked if it was too late to carry out a RAG Week event.

Mr Blain answered that it was not and that they could be contacted at ragmail@st-andrews.ac.uk

Mr Hajda asked if there was sponsorship for RAG Week or Race2.

Mr Blain answered that Deloitte had sponsored RAG Week with £2,000 and that the Fairmont wanted to help out in some way.

Mr Blain stated that it was possible for members to join the reserve list for Race2 which would allow people to take part should some of the current racers drop out.

7.7. Report of the SSC Debates Officer

Ms Andrew reported that they had had a busy few weeks, including one of their debaters being the Top Speaker at the Edinburgh competition they had attended. Ms Andrew stated that the Freshers were doing well. Ms Andrew stated that the Fresher Rep had been elected the previous week. Ms Andrew stated that they were focussing on how to increase gender balance participation rates.

7.8. Report of the SSC Design & PR Team Convenor

Ms Mitchell reported that the Design team were working on different design requests, with 9 projects ongoing. Ms Mitchell stated that the Photoshop classes on Sunday mornings were not as well attended as had been hoped though those in attendance were very enthusiastic.

Ms Sheffield asked when the classes were taking place.

Ms Mitchel answered that they took place Sunday morning, though they would not take place on the Sunday coming due to it being Raisin Sunday.

7.9. Report of the SSC Entertainments Convenor

Ms Ge Tian reported that they were continuing to run events alongside the DOES and trying to get booking forms back on track as well as users to coming to the user meetings.

Ms Ge Tian reported that they were looking at alternative events for semester 2, as they would not have the use of Venue 1.

Ms Lewis asked how Circus Saturdays were performing

Mr O'Rourke answered that they were not doing well and had been placed on hiatus. Mr O'Rourke encouraged anyone with ideas for Saturday nights to get in touch.

7.10. Report of the SSC External Funding Officer

Mr Thadani reported that he had me with the grant writers and had put together a sizeable list of grants to apply to for On the Rocks. Mr Thadani stated that someone had been placed on point. Mr Thadani stated that he was scheduled to meet with the accommodation team to try and get some money for Student Bursaries.

7.11. Report of the SSC Member without Portfolio

Ms Kennedy-O'Brien reported that she was carrying out research in to the recipient of the John Honey award, an award given out to students for contribution to student welfare. Ms Kennedy-O'Brien stated that she would be spending a lot of time in special collections to trawl through the old editions of The Saint, in order to find out who had received the prize and for what reason.

Ms Lewis asked who John Honey was.

Ms Hajda answered that it was the student who had sailed out to the sinking ship and rescued many passengers, and for whom numerous events memorialised, such as May Dip.

Ms Kennedy-O'Brien stated that the award was never intended to be one which was given out every year, but instead only for outstanding contributions when they took place.

7.12. Report of the SSC Music Officer

There was no report from the SSC Music Officer.

7.13. Report of the SSC Performing Arts Officer

Mr Anderson reported that he had attended meetings with the Anthony Tudor Fund, which had been long and the outcome of which was that they would have logos on their posters to indicate that they were funding them.

Mr Anderson reported that one of the fresher's plays had been lost, as there weren't many interested in Shadow Puppet Theatre. Mr Anderson stated that Blind Mirth would be taking that slot, provided that gets clearance.

Mr Anderson reported that a former Mermaid's President would be giving a talk on how to get in to drama school.

7.14. Report of the SSC Postgraduate Officer

Mr van Brussel reported that the Postgraduate Society were having socials every Thursday in Sandy's bar, though attendance had been declining since the beginning of the year. Mr Van Brussel stated that attendance was still good enough to continue with the events. Mr van Brussel stated that the Gala had been successful, and they'd held a number of other successful events. Mr van Brussel stated that there would be a movie night on Sunday in the Barron Theatre. Mr van Brussel stated that the following week, as part of the "That's Union" campaign, there would be a meet-and-greet event. Mr van Brussel stated that following that, there were two bus trips and a ceilidh scheduled.

7.15. Report of the SSC Societies Officer

Ms Lewis reported that an EGM had been held and there were now two new officers, both of whom had previously served on the committee.

Ms Lewis reported that the committee had held a 'policy party' in order to revise all the current policies.

Ms Lewis reported that the Bute Medical Society had been given a waiver allowing them to charge alumni more than current students.

Ms Lewis reported that she was following up on missed trainings and old paper work.

Ms Lewis reported that the Association now had two new societies: sitcom and Sexpressions St Andrews. Ms Lewis stated that two other societies were in the process of affiliating while several others had been denied leave to proceed. Ms Lewis stated that the Bute Medical Society had been

denied a grant. Ms Lewis reported that a conflict between STAAG and Child Reach had been resolved.

Ms Lewis reported that she had met with the University and subsequently received clarification on the public liability insurance which they offered to societies. Ms Lewis stated that the University would be providing the Association with a Memorandum of Understanding clarifying the position.

7.16. Report of the SSC Volunteering Officer

Ms Timpone reported that a second round of applications had been opened up for projects which had not been filled the first time around, resulting in them all being placed. Ms Timpone stated that there were around 170 volunteers, many of whom had been trained over the course of two nights.

Ms Timpone reported that there had been some issues with the finances of the committee, since some things had been wrongly placed in long term storage, but that had all been resolved.

Ms Timpone reported that the committee would now be meeting every week, after deciding that there was too much business to be carried out on a fortnightly basis.

7.17. 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. 14-10 - A Motion to Amend the Charities Campaign Constitution to Include a Cap on Charities

THIS SRC AND SSC NOTE:

1. The executive committee of the charities campaign have voted in favour of a one-year cap with a two-year hiatus period. (See Appendix A)
2. Two out of three of the nominated charities have been nominated charities for the last 4 years. (See Appendix B)
3. Charities are welcome to run again after the two-year hiatus.
4. There is more financial benefit to a greater number of charities over time if the cap is introduced.
5. With this cap there would be more variety in the nominated charities over the university career of a student.

THIS SRC AND SSC BELIEVE:

1. It is likely that in a three-year period with a hiatus of only a year, there would be six dominating charities and each year the nominated charities would seesaw between those six charities.
2. In a three-year period with a hiatus of two years, there would be nine different charities, so even if the more dominant charities were nominated every three (or even two) years, there is potential for smaller charities to come along in that one-year gap.

3. There is more potential to spread awareness of charitable endeavours with a larger number of nominated charities over the years.

THIS SRC AND SSC RESOLVES:

1. Add in chapter 12 of the laws, new §5.3 which reads as follows:

Any charity holding the title of 'Official Supported Charity' of the Charities Campaign will be ineligible to seek nomination for two years following successful election as a supported charity.

Mr Blain proposed the motion and Ms Morrice seconded.

Mr Blain introduced the motion as such: every year we have an election to nominate charities for our support. We pick one local, one national, and one international. At the moment, these are Families First, Macmillan, and MSF, respectively. I looked back over the past five years and the same charities turn up over and over again. We used to have six charities, and we dropped that to three. This motion has the unanimous support of the executive committee as it means the money can be spread around more. The effect of this motion is that once selected, a charity cannot be nominated for the following two years.

The motion, as presented, was adopted without dissent.

9.2. J. 14-11 - A Motion to Amend the Laws to Create a More Effective Discipline Policy

THIS SRC AND SSC NOTES:

1. Raisin Sunday falls on the 19th of October this year.
2. Raisin Sunday repeatedly causes complaints from local residents of St Andrew and recent years have seen the nature of these complaints become more serious.
3. Last year two university staff volunteers were bitten by inebriated students.
4. The university has to spend £8000 on policing for this year's raisin Sunday.
5. Other than providing policing, first aiders, and four members of staff in the ASC centre the university has decided to take a step back from raisin Sunday under the direction of the proctor.
6. There is a call for the students association to take a more hard line stance and visible action in response to misbehaviour during raisin Sunday.
7. There is an ever increasing chance of the university pulling out of raisin all together.
8. The association is currently only able to have a proactive response.

9. The objects of the Association, as set down in the Constitution, include "To promote and maintain good relations between its members, the local community, and the wider world."

THIS SRC AND SSC BELIEVES:

1. That the disrespectful and often dangerous attitudes and actions of few are ruining this tradition for the many.
2. That we have a responsibility to ensure that the tradition of raisin weekend continues in a safe and fun manner for future students.
3. That we should work with the university and town to ensure this happens.
4. That the best course of action is to have a reactive response to back up our proactive response.
5. That to promote the aim noted in point 9, it should be possible to take action against members who act in such a way as to damage good relations between students and the local community.

THIS SRC AND SSC RESOLVES:

1. Strike the existing text in 23 Laws §1 which currently reads:

"Where members violate the Constitution and/or Laws of the Association, break civil or criminal law on the premises, cause damage to the premises, act in such a way as to damage the financial or other interests of the Association, or otherwise act in a way that causes other members distress or nuisance, Member Discipline may be enacted against them."

And insert the following text:

"Where members violate the Constitution and/or Laws of the Association, break civil or criminal law on the premises, cause damage to the premises, *act in such a way as to damage relations between the Association and the community*, damage the financial or other interests of the Association, or otherwise act in a way that causes other members distress or nuisance, Member Discipline may be enacted against them."

Mr Norris proposed the motion and Mr O'Rourke seconded.

Mr Norris introduced the motion as such: two weeks ago today, I met with student services to plan for Raisin. The support for planning, especially on the Sunday, is dwindling as they're not happy with what's going on and they're giving us minimal space. The extra police being brought in has to be paid for and the University will not be dealing with those who are brought to them, instead allowing the

police to deal with it. They need us to do something, to be proactive, in order to deter people from doing stupid stuff. This motion changes the wording of the constitution to be clear that we can discipline members who damage relations between the Association and the Committee.

Mr Hajda stated that an amendment had been passed the previous week and asked if it was included in the motion.

Mr O'Rourke moved that the motion be amended to insert 'in a way deemed unacceptable by the Association' after 'act in such a way as to damage relations between the Association and the Community'.

Ms Lewis seconded the motion

Mr Thadani asked if this motion would create policy on what they were supposed to be doing.

Mr O'Rourke stated that the motion was intended as a deterrent but also intended to strength relations between the community and the Association. Mr O'Rourke stated that it was no longer feasible for the Association to step back from Raisin as it would be detrimental to relations with the community. Any disciplinary action would be taken through the normal channels.

Mr Hajda asked what effect this would have on raisin, as that was what it was primarily intended for.

Mr O'Rourke stated that the text would be in the constitution permanently, though using is it would perhaps be more drastic than we thought necessary. This is intended to try and stop the behaviour from happening.

Ms Lewis asked how the discipline committee would determine what was inappropriate.

Mr O'Rourke answered that it would be done on a case-by-case basis.

Ms Lewis stated that there were no guidelines, potentially introducing the risk that the union might treat some people different to others.

Mr O'Rourke stated that it would have to depend on the actions, since throwing up in the street would not be something they'd discipline but pouring a can of beans on a child would be.

Mr Norris stated that the amendment came about because the SRC thought that there could be cases when students damaged relations with the community that would be considered to be acceptable, such as protesting.

A roll-call vote was held in the SSC.

OFFICE	NAME	AYE	NO	ABS.
Association Community Relations Officer	Zara Evans	X		
Association Director of Events & Services	Leon O'Rourke	X		
Association Director of Representation	Ondrej Hajda		X	
Association Director of Student Development & Activities	Fay Morrice	X		
Association Environment & Ethics Officer	Madeline Belt	X		

Association LGBT Officer	Fallon Sheffield	X		
Association President	Pat Mathewson			
SSC Broadcasting Officer	Sean MacDonald	X		
SSC Charities Officer	Kyle Blain	X		
SSC Debates Officer	Charlotte Andrew	X		
SSC External Funding Officer	Michael Thadani	X		
SSC Member w/o Portfolio	Anna Kennedy-O'Brien	X		
SSC Music Officer	Anna Merryfield			
SSC Performing Arts Officer	Ben Anderson	X		
SSC Postgraduate Officer	David van Brussel			X
SSC Societies Officer	Courtney Lewis			X
SSC Volunteering Officer	Nicole Timpone	X		

With 12 votes in the affirmative and 1 in the negative, the motion was adopted in the SSC.

Mr Blain asked what was meant by the community.

Mr O'Rourke answered that it was quite vague but was aimed at the local community.

Mr Norris stated that the motion was aimed at serious misbehaviour in the future.

Ms Evans stated that she had floated this motion at the community council and they were really pleased at the attitude it showed. Ms Evans stated that they had held an impromptu vote on the motion and it had received unanimous support.

Mr Hajda asked if it were possible to clarify what was meant by the community by adding in local community.

Mr Blain stated that it didn't really make it any clearer.

Ms Morrice stated that it would probably be best to decide on a case-by-case basis.

Mr Blain stated that he was concerned about Race2 and whether misbehaviour on that would be covered.

Mr Morrice stated that she would think only St Andrews would be covered.

Ms Lewis asked whether, since Board would have to approve the change and they weren't meeting until after Raisin, the motion would have any effect.

Ms Morrice answered that it would, given that the current text already allowed the Association to take disciplinary action. Ms Morrice stated that the current motion just made clear that the Association could do it.

Mr Hajda stated that he shared in Ms Lewis concerns and also was concerned about extending the discipline procedure outside the Union's premises. Mr Hajda stated that the situation at the moment was that the University could discipline students, as well as the Police taking legal action. Mr Hajda

stated that the question was not on whether students could be disciplined but on whether to add another tier. Mr Hajda stated that the current text was very vague and, for future years, there would need to be more guidance.

Mr Norris stated that there were previous cases where students were disciplined off premises but that it had usually be society related. Mr Norris stated that the current motion made the constitution less vague. Mr Norris stated that the motion didn't oblige the union to take action but stated that it could. Mr Norris stated that this motion could be held up as the Union trying should the University turn around in future and want to withdraw their support. Mr Norris stated that the withdrawal of support would create more harm and they wanted to stop that from happening.

Mr Thadani stated that when he had first heard about the motion he had been sceptical about extending the scope but that, fundamentally, the SRC and SSC existed to represent the student body. Mr Thadani stated that when someone in the membership pours beans on an infant's head, it tarred the reputation of the entire student body. Mr Thadani stated that the whole student body acting to combat that sort of behaviour was in their interests.

Ms Morrice stated that even if someone were not in the building, actions like pouring a can of beans on a child's head, or being racist or homophobic, they should not be allowed in the building.

Mr Hajda stated that he agreed with Ms Morrice but that discipline was only temporary and something more had to be done on top of just punishment.

Ms Potter stated that the reality at the moment wasn't being made any more vague by the motion, it was in the interest of the Association and also made a statement. Ms Potter stated that it also wasn't an extension, since it's something that is already done.

Mr Blain asked whether the union had seen the beans incident and if that had gone to discipline.

Mr Morrice answered that if a member had saw it and reported it, they could have been taken to discipline.

Mr O'Rourke stated that the police or the parent filling a complaint would have been insufficient.

Mr Norris stated that the motion was just part of the campaign, their fall back, and showed that they were trying. Mr Norris stated that the punishments that would arise would include building bans, bans from events like Grad Ball, and that they weren't really looking at monetary fines or anything of that sort.

Ms Sheffield stated that she understood that the university was threatening to withdraw support and that showing the Association was trying would hopefully stop that from happening. Ms Sheffield stated that the text would make the position more clear

Mr O'Rourke stated that the motion was to be able to ask the University from banning Raisin but also to stop things getting out of hand in the future and brining the students in to disrepute. Discipline does not just exist to ban people, but to give out warnings and advise on help. Mr O'Rourke stated that the committee had to find ways of helping people.

Mr Anderson stated that the right steps needed to be taken before Sunday but that this motion alone was not enough. Mr Anderson stated that even if the motion was not perfect, people could look at it again in the future from a better starting position.

Ms Evans stated that the motion was an expression of extent showing that the concerns of the University and community had been taken on board and that they were not sitting idly by.

Mr Thadani stated that he agreed with Ms Evans but also stated that it had to be just the first step.

Mr Hajda moved that a vote be held.

Mr O'Rourke seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was held in the SSC.

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Association LGBT Officer	Fallon Sheffield	X		
Association President	Pat Mathewson			
SSC Broadcasting Officer	Sean MacDonald	X		
SSC Charities Officer	Kyle Blain	X		
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SSC Music Officer	Anna Merryfield			
SSC Performing Arts Officer	Ben Anderson	X		
SSC Postgraduate Officer	David van Brussel			X
SSC Societies Officer	Courtney Lewis		X	
SSC Volunteering Officer	Nicole Timpone	X		

With 12 in the affirmative and 1 in the negative, the motion was adopted in the SSC.

9.3. J. 14-12 - A Motion to Have a Spooktacular Life

Ms Kennedy-O'Brien proposed the motion and Ms Evans seconded.

THIS SRC AND SSC NOTE:

1. The popular holiday of Halloween is almost upon us

2. There has not been a councils social since the 30th of September.
3. Dressing up as ghouls and other spooks originated from the ancient Celtic tradition of townspeople disguising themselves as demons and spirits¹
4. Traditions of Halloween include dressing up and eating lots of candy. And having parties

THIS SRC AND SSC BELIEVE:

1. Parties are fun. Parties involving costumes and sweets are even better
2. Council members who do not show up to socials are no fun
3. The wrath of the SSC Member Without Portfolio should be universally feared
4. Sunday 26th October is at present an uninteresting day and would be much improved by having a Halloween themed event
5. Thinking up costume ideas stimulates creativity. Creativity is good for the brain. The brain is good for life. Ergo a party involving costumes is basically beneficial for your health

THIS SRC AND SSC RESOLVE:

1. To have a Halloween party at on the 26th of October (time, location, basically everything to be confirmed)
2. To make attendance compulsory unless a very convincing reason for absence is provided. Failure to provide this will result in you being tracked down. Or alternatively you'll be known as someone who is no fun for the rest of eternity
3. To make costumes compulsory. There may even be prizes.
4. To have a good time at the party and in life.

Ms Kennedy-O'Brien introduced the motion as such: we're having a social on the 26th, if anyone wants to offer their house up as a location that would be good. Costumes and attendance are compulsory, unless you have a good excuse. Those without a costume will be forced to wear bad ones which I'll be picking up from the charity shops.

The motion, as presented, was adopted without dissent.

10. Open Discussion

There was no business for open discussion.

11. Any Other Competent Business

¹ According to this website <http://facts.randomhistory.com/halloween-facts.html>

11.1 Announcements

Mr Tantillo announced that the 'That's Union' campaign would launch the following week. Mr Tantillo requested that anyone who was running an event contact him so that they could get a logo to place on their publicity material. Mr Tantillo stated that everyone should have been sent a cover photo for the campaign and that they should be sure to approve the design, and finally that they would receive information about the transition to the campaign soon.

The meeting was adjourned at 2015.