



Papers for Student Services Council Meeting Tuesday 29th of September 6pm - MS Teams

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ASSOCIATION OFFICER REPORTS

Association Alumni Officer – Luke Simboli

What have I done since my last report?

- I have organised my committee's first formal meeting for Friday afternoon to discuss several of the plans we have chatted about this summer.

What progress has been made on my manifesto?

- N/A

What do I hope to achieve by next report?

- I hope to have a fully delegated roles within my committee and set a deadline for planning our first online event.

Any events, opportunities that you would like other members to know about?

- No

Association Community Relations Officer – Anna Young

What have I done since my last report?

I am in the process of planning a virtual events network with the overarching title; 'Community Conversations.' This will be in the format of a workshop/webinar series that will encompass the work of both student and community groups with a focus on community sustainability and wellbeing. This will be published on the Community Relations instagram and facebook channels. We are looking to approach community groups such as the Hamish Foundation, the Men Shed and the Community Council. I have also facilitated a meeting for POLIS, the political society forum where we will be tackling issues regarding voter registration in regard to the upcoming holyrood elections in May.

What progress has been made on my manifesto

The events series 'Community Conversations' has addressed my intention to positively collaborate with community groups. This is a commitment that I will endeavour to expand as the events series continues.

What do I hope to achieve by my next report

By my next report I will have had a POLIS meeting and will update any issues that arise. I will also have worked on a new social media campaign called

'Favourite Places in St Andrews' where the Community Relations Subcommittee will be picturing themselves in different outdoor locations in town in the aim of promoting the use of outdoor space in the community.

Association Environment Officer – Lea Weinman

What have I done since my last report?

- Run-up and preparation for Global Climate Action Day on Friday the 25th of September: symbolic action “Line in the Sand 2.0” on West Sand Beach one year after last year’s big climate strike, posters in windows and social media campaign, online speaker event with Erik Solheim the former executive director of the United Nations Environment Programme
- Green Week meeting with staff and representatives from the University on Tuesday the 22nd of September
- Meeting with Daphne Grant from Sustainable St Andrews initiative on collaboration and plastics
- Promoting and supporting recruitment for School Sustainability Reps
- Launch of #CleanStSands initiatives encouraging people to do 2-minute beach clean ups and address increased pollution problem in St Andrews

What progress has been made on my manifesto?

- Big “event” / day of action on climate (obviously different to what I imagined in my manifesto before Covid-19) but nonetheless successful
- Community collaboration and discussions

What do I hope to achieve by next report?

- Campaign and Volunteer meeting with sign-ups from Freshers together with Volunteer & Campaign Coordinator in the Subcommittee
- Prepare for the School Sustainability Rep Training together with University Sustainability Coordinator and members of my Subcommittee
- Progress on Eco-Connect Platform

Any events, opportunities that you would like other members to know about?

- If you could help share videos and message about the Global Climate Action Day as they come out – that would be great. I think it is really important that we continue to get the message out about our need for a green recovery and building back better.
- Please reach out with regards to collaborations and especially if you want to actively get involved in Green Week which will be in Week 8.

Association LGBT+ Officer – Georgina Beeby

What have I done since my last report?

- Interviewed for wellbeing subcomm (identity specific meetups focused)
- Interviewed for the gay saint subcomm
- Gay saint now up and running (people chosen, facebook group made)
- Arranged/organised calendar, including organising contact of other socs to work with for events throughout the semester
- Glitterball was cancelled so alternative things have been discussed (ie glitterball position is now working to fundraise for future balls etc)

What progress has been made on my manifesto?

- Collaborating with peer support – potential creation of a closeted/questioning facebook group, and looking over their active listening workshop etc
- Collaboration between schools: will be working with school presidents for pride in stem (and creating informative talks to give at events?)

What do I hope to achieve by next report?

- Have closeted/fb group up and running, and have continued working on pride in stem etc
- To have helped glitterball coordinator figure out a new purpose for subcomm now its canceled/ to have interviewed for that
- Transfest and queerfest subcomms formed

Any events, opportunities that you would like other members to know about?

- Nope

Association Lifers Officer – Jenny Menday

No report submitted.

Association BAME Officer – Ananya Jain

What have I done since my last report?

- Conducted interviews for the preliminary committee for the BAME Students' Network
- Had our first committee meeting as a subcommittee and worked on a strategy and to establish specific goals
- Setup a mailing list for the Network and opened nominations for our EGM
- Held a few virtual events (some in collaboration with other societies)
- Continued work on the Virtual Access and Outreach Conference that is going to be held on 3rd October.
- Got in touch with the Director of Student Services to start a conversation on how to provide better support for BAME students at the University
- Worked on the second virtual content series for St. Andrews Multicultural Week, an interview with BAME faculty, which is scheduled to release shortly.

What do I hope to achieve by next report?

- Have a full committee in place
- Provide a report of how the Access Conference went

- Get updates on the progress being made for the new Diversity Training
- Come up with a plan of action in collaboration with Student Services, on how to provide between support for BAME Students at the University
- Possibly launch a BAME Students' Video series

Any events, opportunities that you would like other members to know about?

- Nominations for our EGM are open until 1st October 2020, 11.59 pm. More information is available via this link: tiny.cc/BAMEEGM
- If you want to spread the word about our Virtual Access Conference to your old highschool (UK and Non-UK), please send them this link: <http://tiny.cc/BAMEAccessConference>
- If you'd like to sign up to help out with the Access Conference as a BAME Student, you can use this link: <https://tinyurl.com/yyipyn8r>

SSC REPORTS

SSC Broadcasting Officer- Anna Harris

No report submitted.

SSC Charities Officer – Amy Feakes

What have I done since my last report?

All our my subcoms and subcoms subcoms have been getting stuck into meetings and planning for the year, as much as is possible. We have had a meeting with Gavin about how we can move forward with Race2 and the committee has all come up with a number of proposals, which we are reducing to three possibilities. CATWALK has been planning for online castings. RAG has sent out information and sign ups to societies to collaborate during RAG week. I have been working on plans for a substitute training day and sessions. We have also been interviewing for our new fundraising coordinator position and we have our EGM running, of which voting will now be closed.

What progress has been made on my manifesto?

We have had a round table discussion in exec about a the plan and ideas for a new voting system for our nominated charities.

What do I hope to achieve by next report?

A solid plan for our voting system, ready to go to councils. Some more ideas to help the campaign fundraise and deal with the loss of income from events such as cloakrooms. Training day plans and dates finalised.

Any events, opportunities that you would like other members to know about?

We have **RAG race** coming up, this is our first big event of the year. We are collaborating with 8 other universities across the UK, competing across October. The aim is to raise as much as you can and run as much as you can. Please

encourage your subcoms, societies or friends to get involved – it is a great chance to raise money for charity and keep active!

SSC Debates Officer- Zaine Mansuralli

What have I done since my last report?

- Developed a plan to intensify the Debates social media presence
- Continued planning future debates events
- Co-hosted a panel on disabilities in collaboration with the DSN and SRC Member for Students with Disabilities to mark Disability Pride Week

What progress has been made on my manifesto?

- Recruited a board member officer for inclusivity and accessibility, the new Equity Officer

What do I hope to achieve by next report?

- Co-host the annual Queer Question Time with Saints LGBT+

SSC Performing Arts Officer- Martin Caforio

What have I done since my last report?

- Since my last report, I have continued moving forward with letting our productions start work, with virtual auditions having been successfully held this week. One production team has decided to postpone their show and will instead offer a series of workshop/engagement opportunities based on their production/vision. I have begun working with the committee to plan a number of other social and performing arts based opportunities to keep Mermaids present during these difficult weeks, and we have also signed up to the Disability Pledge and are working to adopt its tenets into our activities.
- We have obtained a STAR radio slot and have opened up applications to hold radio plays! It's a very exciting opportunity so spread the word!!
- Work is underway for a shadowing scheme for freshers to sign up to and to develop a sound alternative to our Freshers Drama Festival for the COVID conditions.

What progress has been made on my manifesto?

- We have added an engagement / outreach section in our proposal to formally encourage / require our proposal teams to consider outreach within the societies and academic community and to include as many people as possible.

- We have added a clause to our production contract requiring all audition teams to cast fairly and independently of past connections with auditionees, making sure that Mermaids is open and accessible to all, even those who do not have contacts in the subcommittee or production teams. This was a campaign promise taken at the suggestion of my opponent and his manifesto.

What do I hope to achieve by next report?

- Develop, with my VP, a formal conduct and misbehaviour policy in line with the Union's to ensure that Mermaids is a safe environment for all our students
- Finish up plans for an FDF 2020, including through collaboration with an exciting opportunity offered by the Traverse Theatre in Edinburgh
- Continue supporting our production teams in line with restrictions
- Set up an exciting schedule of social and 'work' events in line with regulations to make sure we have exciting opportunities for people to stay involved.

Any events, opportunities that you would like other members to know about?

- *STAR Radio Plays! Check out our Facebook event, share, get involved! It's very exciting, thank you Anna Rose for facilitating!*

SSC Postgraduate Officer – Sam Ross

What have I done since my last report?

Since the end of Fresher's Week the PG Society have held another virtual pub quiz and started advertising for our EGM (Thursday 24 Sept). We should have a new committee by the SSC meeting, with a time for a first meeting to discuss upcoming events too. I have also met with several students who put forward complaints to the pggres@ email address – complaints revolved around the voluntary lockdown over the weekend just passed, and general comments around quarantining/social distancing/isolation. Only one complaint had to be forwarded on to the Principal's Office and others have been resolved.

What progress has been made on my manifesto?

N/A

What do I hope to achieve by next report?

A new committee, with a few events planned.

SSC Societies Officer – Avery Kitchens

No report submitted.

SSC Music Officer – Ali Addison

No report submitted.

SSC Volunteering Officer – Cara Nicholson

What have I done since my last report?

Since my last report, I have recruited 140 new volunteers, finalised the volunteer induction trainings, and made some progress on the additional training schedule. I also launched SVS's Lead Volunteer Scheme.

What progress has been made on my manifesto?

- Reducing Barriers to Volunteering
- Continued encouraging online interaction with our projects
- Increase Publicity around Volunteering
- Scheduled the launch of our new logo and publicity
- Improve the Range of Volunteering Opportunities Available
- Make Volunteering More Social
- Advertised Lead Volunteer projects – a position which will organise project specific socials
- Increase Training and Support for Volunteers
- Set dates for induction training sessions
- Continued planning of a third sector careers event with the careers centre
- Finalised most of the additional training programme

What do I hope to achieve by next report?

I am to have all induction trainings completed, have all 140 volunteers started on their projects, and have the 3rd Sector careers event fully finalised.

Any events, opportunities that you would like other members to know about?

SVS are advertising opportunities for all societies that work with volunteers so that students can find all opportunities in one place! If any of you have subcommittees/groups that work with volunteers, please let me know.

SSC Design Team Convener – Edward Spencer

What have I done since my last report?

Since my last report, I have onboarded the new Head of Design and VP for Design Team, continued to work on the software issue that Design Team is facing. Started discussions with PhotoSoc to plan a series of online training events and Q&A sessions which will be in a totally new format and we hope will attract new interest.

What progress has been made on my manifesto?

n/a

What do I hope to achieve by next report?

I hope that our design division will have met and started to work on projects. I hope to have made more progress in fixing the software issues that we face, I hope that we will have agreed to a final proposal document for the event with photosoc.

Any events, opportunities that you would like other members to know about?

Let us know if you are interested in joining our committee in any of the still vacant positions and keep an eye on our Facebook page for information about the classes that we will be running with photosoc.

SSC Entertainments Convener (ENTS) – Ryan Delaney

Since the last meeting Ents has been focussing internally. We are currently attempting to organise the social aspects of our subcommittee with the crew and we hosted our first public crew meeting to talk to the new and returning members. Currently waiting on update from hire/sale companies about upgrading and getting new tech. Began working with the AU on upcoming events. Slowly making progress on getting virtual training setup so hopefully that will be coming soon.

The #WeMakeEvents day of action is coming up (30th September) in which Ents will be lighting the students association up in red to raise awareness for the entertainment industry and collaborating with Mermaids to raise awareness of the impact of COVID19 on this industry. Currently waiting to hear back from the Byre about a joint venture

SSC Arts Festival Convener- TBA

SSC Member without Portfolio- Toni Valencia

What have I done since my last report?

Working closely with the Association Chair (Morgan) and the SRC Member Without Portfolio (Annie), we are organising this semester's socials and events.

I have also been working on updating a short link resources website for Association Councils and it is currently in its drafting stages. We hope to make this a resource to make it simpler for students to understand the purpose of Councils and how it relates directly to the Union. In addition, I have also been drafting a Councils Contact Us form for students to use to reach out to us with any questions or motions they would like to put forward.

What progress has been made on my manifesto?

Over the summer, I have spent time redesigning the graphics for Association Councils Facebook and Instagram page. This includes the graphics for the profile picture, cover photos, events cover, and councils intro posts. Working together with Morgan (Association Chair) and Annie (SRC Member Without Portfolio) we have prepared posts for regular communication with the student body for the beginning of and throughout the academic year.

I've been working on making sure that there is more transparent communication with the overall student through preparing the social media graphics.

For more information on what I wish to achieve throughout this academic year, visit tonivalencia.com

What do I hope to achieve by next report?

I hope to be able to create more media to engage the wider student body with the support and information that Association Councils provides. Some examples include looking into more graphics, videos, and viral challenges. I aim to plan and create the Councils socials for the semester while adhering to social distancing measures.

Any events, opportunities that you would like other members to know about?

To the entire student body, like our Facebook page and follow us on Instagram to keep updated on when our Association Councils meetings are happening! We also post about regular updates, our minutes and everything about Councils to keep you in the loop of what's happening in the Union.

Facebook: Association Councils (<https://www.facebook.com/StACouncils>)
@StACouncils

Instagram: @stacouncils

For councilors, please make sure to like and share the posts on the Association Councils Facebook page and Instagram. Please also make sure to invite your friends to our events, like our Facebook page and follow us on Instagram. You can find links to our council social media sites as mentioned above!

Councilors, please also feel free to reach out to me if you ever need any support for social media promotions on our official page, graphic designs and/or support for your events in general!