

## STIRLING UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a meeting of the Students' Association COUNCIL held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2008 at 6.15pm in Lecture Theatre 2W1.

### 1 Attendance

#### 1.1 Members Present

David Fletcher	-	President
Will Mackenzie	-	Vice President (Services & Treasurer)
Chris Baxter	-	Vice President (Welfare & Education)
Tom Spencer	-	Student Activities Officer/President-elect
Lucy Strachan	-	Campaigns Officer
Laura Mackay	-	Disabled Students Officer/Equal Opportunities Officer-elect
Catherine Coales	-	Women's Officer/Vice President (Welfare & Education)-elect
Mark Cullen	-	Brig Editor/Vice President (Services & Treasurer)-elect
Sandra Munro	-	ASH Representative/Publicity Officer-elect
Dean Thomson	-	Geddes Court Representative
Sarah Green	-	Nursing & Midwifery Representative
Laura Devin	-	Education Representative
Hannah Wilson	-	Education Representative
Jodie Hughes	-	Computing Science & Mathematics Representative/Women's Officer-elect
Catriona Wood	-	Applied Social Science Representative
Caron Cook	-	Management Representative
Andreas Ferrara	-	Economics Representative
Roxanne Connelly	-	Applied Social Science Representative
Iain Johnston	-	History Representative
Zofia Bukiel	-	Law Representative
Nikolaus Kyfondis	-	Politics Representative
Pamela Neil	-	Computing Science & Mathematics Representative (Chair of Council)

#### 1.2 In Attendance

#### 1.3 Observers

Hannah Pickford

#### 1.4 Apologies

Dorothea Christie	-	Applied Social Science Representative
Kristina Auxtova	-	Languages, Cultures & Religions

Daniel Holden	-	Representative Biological & Environmental Science Representative
Graeme McLaughlin	-	Law Representative
Patrick Dahill	-	History Representative
Katherine Lamb	-	History Representative
Ray Burke	-	Mature Students Officer
Louise Glen-Lee	-	Film & Media Studies Representative
Marta Wozniak	-	Economics Representative
Vivien Lafferty	-	Accounting & Finance Representative

#### 1.5 Absent Without Apologies

Matt Johnston	-	Entertainments Officer
Sean O'Hara	-	Ethics & Environment Officer
Mark Charters	-	LGBT Officer
Steven Quinn	-	AirTV Station Manager
Ben Tyler	-	International Students Officer
Brona Nic Giolla Easpaig	-	Psychology Representative
Eliza Brush	-	Politics Representative
Liam Ellis	-	Psychology Representative
Eilidh Dillon	-	Languages, Cultures & Religions Representative
Geraldine Thurgood	-	Languages, Cultures & Religions Representative
Alex Hunter	-	Murray Hall Representative
Emma McBride	-	Management Representative
Jessica Warne	-	Biological & Environmental Science Representative
Christopher Donnelly	-	Film & Media Studies Representative
Karen Logan	-	Education Representative
Kevin Hochard	-	Psychology Representative
Emma Cartwright	-	Psychology Representative
Joanne Mirek	-	Education Representative
Eva Serenciscova	-	Management Representative
Ashley Rhymer	-	Applied Social Science Representative
Kim Allison	-	English Studies Representative
Matthew Whittaker	-	AKD Representative
Robbie Mackenzie	-	Entertainments Officer-elect
Jennifer Savage	-	Sports Union President
Greg Ure	-	Sports Union President-elect
Geoffrey Neumann	-	Computing Science & Mathematics Representative
David Lewin	-	Biological & Environmental Science Representative/Black Students' Officer- elect
Vriti Patil	-	Film & Media Studies Representative
Ally McCrae	-	Air3 Station Manager
Gary Masson	-	Accounting & Finance Representative

**Note:** Chair informs Council that the meeting is inquorate.

**2 Matters Arising From Previous Minutes**

**3 Adoption Of Minutes From Previous Meetings**

3.1 Council Minutes: 25<sup>th</sup> March 2008: PASSED.

**4 Notice Of Adoption Of Any Other Competent Business**

**5 Challenges To The Order Of The Paper**

5.1 Noted: Vice President (Services & Treasurer) withdraws motion 9.3

**6 Resignations & Elections**

6.1 Elections

6.1.1 Noted: Katherine Lamb, History Representative elected. Council should also have noted election to Council at its last meeting of Robbie Mackenzie, Ents Officer-elect.

**7 Dates To Note**

7.1 23 April NUS Graduate Celebration

7.2 28 April SUSA Council/QEC Meeting

7.3 1 May SUSA Exec reception

7.4 3 May NUS Scotland Black Students' Conference

7.5 20 May SUSA Finance Committee (likely to change)

7.6 31 May NUS Scotland Disabled Students' Conference

7.7 1 June New officers take over

**8 Reports**

8.1 Sports Union Executive Committee

8.1.1 Noted: Sports Union President not present.

8.2 Chair of Services Committee

8.2.1 Vice President (Services & Treasurer): Reported on closure of Glow, the Clubs & Socs awards and upcoming events for AirTV (Oscars 12 May) and Brig (final edition out 28 April).

8.3 Chair of Student Activities Committee

8.3.1 Student Activities Officer/President-Elect: Was unable to attend the meeting but understands the Awards were discussed. Thanked the members of the Committee for their contribution this year.

8.4 NUS National Conference

8.4.1 President: New President (Wes Streeting) was elected. Governance Review which was discussed by SUSA Council, was hotly contested and fell by 1%. Not all delegates from other unions followed their mandate. NUS is now looking into how to move forward. If anyone has any questions please come and see me.

## 8.5 SUSA Council & SEC Meeting

8.5.1 Vice President (Welfare & Education): The first joint meeting of the University's Student Experience Committee and SUSA Council was held on the 27th March in Lecture Theatre B3. A number of issues were raised by student representatives including Car Parking, the atrium toilets, the advisory scheme and disability issues. Members of the SEC also sought student opinion on the induction process and a proposed name change for the Student Support Service. The meeting was a useful exercise and it is hoped that this will become an annual event. Attendance was disappointing both from SUSA Council and SEC members and we should perhaps consider the format of future meetings. For example a 'round table' discussion may facilitate and encourage more dialogue. Anyone who has any questions or comments on the meeting is welcome to contact the VP (Welfare & Education).

## 8.6 President End of Year Report

8.6.1 President: Presented report (attached).

## 8.7 Vice President (Services & Treasurer) End of Year Report

8.7.1 Vice President (Services & Treasurer): Presented report (attached).

## 8.8 Vice President (Welfare & Education) End of Year Report

8.8.1 Vice President (Welfare & Education): Presented report (attached).

## 8.9 Sports Union President End of Year Report

8.9.1 Noted: Sports Union President not present. Report to follow (attached).

## 9 **Discussion & Decision Topics**

### 9.1 Updating the Discipline Code

9.1.1 Catherine Coales: Calls Procedural Motion 8 (that the meeting be closed).

9.1.2 Noted: Vote on Procedural Motion. FALLS.

9.1.3 President: Outlines motion. Proposal came from discussions within Discipline Review Group. Group was looking to see if the current Code was fit for purpose. Group met several times and the proposals submitted to Council are a result of these discussions. President goes on to provide some of the details outlined.

9.1.4 Sandra Munro: How can we ban members from the website?

9.1.5 David Fletcher: We can deny log in privileges through SUSAonline.

9.1.6 Brig Editor/Vice President (Services & Treasurer)-elect: Should the review continue next year?

9.1.7 President: Do not think it's necessary to review it each year. Also, Constitutionally the Group ceases to exist at the end of this academic year.

9.1.8 Vice President (Services & Treasurer): This sums it up succinctly. Outlines current difficulties in communication.

9.1.9 Noted: Vote on Motion. PASSED.

9.2 Updating the Code of Conduct for Student Officers

9.2.1 President: This arose as part of the Discipline Code Review. If student officer was excluded then this helps clarify any possible confusion.

9.2.2 Noted: Vote on Motion. PASSED.

Noted: Council thank Chair for her contribution this year.

**10 Date of Next Meeting**

10.1 Provisionally set for 21 October 2008.

*Chris Baxter*  
*Vice President (Welfare & Education)*

*1 May 2008*