

STIRLING UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a meeting of the Students' Association COUNCIL held on Monday 26th March 2007 at 6.15pm in Cottrell 2W1.

1 Attendance

1.1 Members Present

Chris Dempster	-	President
Robert Hudd	-	Vice President (Services & Treasurer)
Chris Baxter	-	Vice President (Welfare & Education)
Will Mackenzie	-	Sports Union President/Vice President (Services & Treasurer)-elect
Jennifer Savage	-	Sports Union President-elect
David Fletcher	-	Student Activities Officer/President-elect
David Deary	-	Campaigns Officer
Brona Nic Giolla Easpaig	-	Equal Opportunities Officer
Alastair McCrae	-	Entertainments Officer/Air3 Station Manager-elect
Dale McEwan	-	LGBT Officer
Andy Shepherd	-	AirTV Station Manager
Anisa Omar	-	Black Students Officer
Jennifer Gouck	-	Women's Officer
Lucy Strachan	-	Geddes Court Hall Representative (Chair of Council)
Catherine Coales	-	Psychology Representative/Women's Officer-elect
Daniel Holden	-	Biological & Environmental Science Representative
Iain McOmish	-	Politics Representative
Jesse Blum	-	Computing Science & Mathematics Representative
Rosalind Greig	-	Politics Representative
Gemma Corcoran	-	History Representative
Adam Conn	-	Languages, Cultures & Religions Representative
Kim Allison	-	English Studies Representative
Rachel Easton	-	Languages, Cultures & Religions Representative
Hugo Pereira	-	Languages, Cultures & Religions Representative
Colette Gilhooley	-	English Studies Representative
Helen Rowbotham	-	English Studies Representative
Barbara O'Malley	-	Psychology Representative
Calum Watson	-	Psychology Representative

- Sarah Johnston - Computing Science & Mathematics Representative
- 1.2 In Attendance
Nick Manton, SUSA Membership Services Manager
- 1.3 Observers
Matt Johnston (Entertainments Officer-elect); Raymond Burke (Mature Students Officer-elect); Steven Quinn (AirTV Station Manager-elect).
- 1.4 Apologies
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| Tom Spencer | - | Publicity Officer/Student Activities Officer-elect |
| Fiona McKinlay | - | Applied Social Science Representative |
| Eric Moylan | - | Murray Hall Representative |
| Carla McLean | - | Disabled Students Officer |
| Mark Pickering | - | Psychology Representative |
| Sadia Sohail | - | Accounting & Finance Representative |
| Gail Cunningham | - | Management Representative |
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| Steven O'Donnell | - | History Representative |
- 1.5 Absent Without Apologies
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| Mark Cullen | - | Brig Editor |
| Karri Vaslot | - | Ethics & Environment Officer |
| Alastair Headden | - | Air3 Station Manager |
| Alma Clark | - | Education Representative |
| Deborah Hunter | - | Marketing Representative |
| Billie Lister | - | Sociology Representative |
| Gillian Lee | - | Education Representative |
| Stuart Armstrong | - | Computing Science & Mathematics Representative |
| Stephen Duff | - | Law Representative |
| Deborah Collins | - | Nursing & Midwifery Representative |
| Thomas Ferguson | - | Law Representative |
| Jesse Brown Marsh | - | Education Representative |
| Adam Anderson | - | Education Representative |
| Ashleigh Wilson | - | ASH Representative |

With permission of Chair, Membership Services Manager outlines the situation regarding quoracy for the meeting.

2 Matters Arising From Previous Minutes

3 Adoption Of Minutes From Previous Meetings

- 3.1 Council Minutes: 27 February 2007. PASSED.
- 3.2 Executive Minutes: 15 February 2007. PASSED.

4 Notice Of Adoption Of Any Other Competent Business

- 4.1 NUS Scotland Conference Report to be taken as 8.5.
- 4.2 SUSA Elections Report to be taken as 8.6.

5 Challenges To The Order Of The Paper

- 5.1 Sports Union President: Asks that the discussion and decision topic is taken before the Reports. Agreed.

6 Resignations & Elections

6.1 Resignations & Elections

- 6.1.1 Noted: Council notes resignations from Farrena Ahmed (Economics) and Florencia Frind (Philosophy).
- 6.1.2 Noted: With these resignations Council quoracy reduces to 26.
- 6.1.3 Noted: Council welcomes Gillian Lee (Education); Helen Rowbotham (English Studies); Colette Gilhooely (English Studies); Hugo Pereira (School of Languages, Cultures & Religions); Rachel Easton (School of Languages, Cultures & Religions) and Barbara O'Malley (Psychology) all of whom are elected to Council.
- 6.1.4 Membership Services Manager: Explains situation with those who have not attended 3 meetings of Council.
- 6.1.5 Noted: Council votes to remove Thomas Ferguson (Law); Jesse Marsh (Education) and Adam Anderson (Education).

7 Dates To Note

- 7.1 27-29 March NUS National Conference
- 7.2 18 April Joint Meeting of SUSA Council and Quality Enhancement Committee (QEC)
- 7.3 23-25 April Clubs & Societies Festival
- 7.4 26 April Clubs & Societies Awards Dinner
- 7.5 28 April Sports Union Final Fling
- 7.6 30 April AirTV Oscars
- 7.7 3 May Liberation Groups night in Glow

9 Discussion & Decision Topics

9.1 Taught Class Time

- 9.1.1 Gemma Corcoran: Asks for addition to Council Believes 3 to add, 'that students will excel academically'. PASSED.
- 9.1.2 Gemma Corcoran: Outlines motion and how it has developed out of concerns raised at History Department Student Staff Consultative Committee. Worried reduction in teaching time will affect grades and want to take the matter further. Have written to Senior Deputy Principal. We are paying for tuition and deserve more. Not asking for standardisation. Looking for ways to improve teaching for students.
- 9.1.3 Sports Union President: Do we know why the teaching time has been reduced?
- 9.1.4 Gemma Corcoran: I know the cynical view was so that the Department can focus more on research. It has been an issue of much discussion.

- 9.1.5 Vice President (Welfare & Education): This issue has been raised at Welfare & Education Committee where it was unanimously supported. The motion is worded so as to avoid standardisation. This motion is a really good example of what we are here for and how we can use the course rep structure. I also think this should be brought up at the joint meeting of Council and QEC.
- 9.1.6 Campaigns Officer: Sums up on the motion. Has been through the appropriate structures and an excellent example of what we are here to do.
- 9.1.7 Noted: Vote on Motion. PASSED.

8 Reports

8.1 Chair of Welfare & Education Committee

- 8.1.1 Vice President (Welfare & Education): Variety of issues discussed through the one meeting of Welfare & Education Committee since last Council. Discussed issue brought by the LGBT Officer about adding an 'A' to the group to include asexuality. It has been an interesting debate amongst the LGBT group and they alone will decide. The LGBT Campaign and the stall on asexuality deserve credit and congratulates the LGBT Officer on this. The Taught Class Time discussed by Council tonight was brought up. We also discussed the provision of networks in the University. Have been working on a questionnaire on this which will be going out shortly. Liberation fundraising night taking place in Glow on 3 May and would encourage everyone to attend. Also had a 1st Year Experience meeting on Friday with representatives of the Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) and this was useful. Remind everyone of the Joint meeting of Council and QEC on 18 April. Will consider teaching and learning issues such as advisors, teaching rooms, quality of teaching and so on. Any items should be in by the end of the week. If you want more information speak to myself or the Membership Services Manager.
- 8.1.2 Gemma Corcoran: What time is the meeting at?
- 8.1.3 Vice President (Welfare & Education): 5pm. It is a closed meeting however so only elected officers may attend. Trying to find out if elect officers may be allowed to attend.

8.2 Chair of Services Committee

- 8.2.1 Vice President (Services & Treasurer): 4 items of note surrounding media services. Have been clarifying guidelines regarding AirTV Licencing. Looking at SUSAonline and considering where we go from here. Important to have a good web presence. Variety of options including complete overhaul or simple amending. Air3 Studio work will hopefully be completed over the summer. The issue is going to the next Finance meeting. Also been considering the possible re-development of the Media Office.

8.3 Chair of Student Activities Committee

8.3.1 Student Activities Officer: Committee has been discussing the Clubs & Societies Festival and Awards for this semester. Information will be going out to clubs soon.

8.4 Chair of Sports Union Executive Committee

8.4.1 Sports Union President: Introduces Sports Union President-elect. Sports Union Ball on 14 April. Been working on the award of Blues & Colours in recognition of the dedication by members to their clubs and the Sports Union. Final Fling taking place on 28 April at Airthrey Castle in marquee. Have employed services of Rock Steady security this year. Theme is set and will be revealed soon. Continue to do well in BUSA knock-outs with a number of teams and it is to be celebrated.

8.5 NUS Scotland Conference

8.5.1 President: Elections took place for NUS Scotland Officers. Emergency motion on opposing the BNP in the run up to the Scottish elections and reaffirming No Platforms policies. NUS Scotland is lobbying TV stations to ask them not to show political broadcasts for them. This motion passed. Also discussed getting an FE Sabbatical position for NUS Scotland and this passed.

8.6 SUSA Elections March 2007

8.6.1 Vice President (Services & Treasurer): Elections went well with a good turnout. Suspect this is due to inclusion of Sports Union President position at this election. Confirms to Council names of those elected to hold office for 2007-2008 (President, David Fletcher; Vice President (Services & Treasurer), Will Mackenzie; Vice President (Welfare & Education), Chris Baxter; Sports Union President, Jennifer Savage; Campaigns Officer, Lucy Strachan; Student Activities Officer, Tom Spencer; Equal Opportunities Officer, Jennifer Campbell; Publicity Officer, Catriona Barr; Entertainments Officer, Matt Johnston; Disabled Students Officer, Laura Mackay; Brig Editor, Mark Cullen; Air3 Station Manager, Ally McCrae; AirTV Station Manager, Steven Quinn; LGBT Officer, Dale McEwan; Ethics & Environment Officer, Sean O'Hara; Women's Officer, Catherine Coales; International Students Officer, Ben Tyler; Mature Students Officer, Raymond Burke).

10 **Date of Next Meeting**

10.1 Joint Meeting of SUSA Council and QEC 18 April at 5pm in 2W1.

10.2 SUSA Council 24 April at 6.15pm in 2W1.