

**MINUTES OF THE 1st COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2007 AT 6.30 p.m.
IN THE WILLIAMS ROOM**

ACTION

Present : As per Sederunt Sheets

Apologies : Kerry Anderson, Sam Beaton, Gordon Brady,
Shona Morrison, Cleodhna Nightshade

**1 MINUTES OF THE 6th COUNCIL MEETING
17 May 2007 – Factual Corrections**

None.

2 MATTERS ARISING

**2.1 Convenors, Officers & Court Assessor's Reporting Template
(Refer 2.1)**

This had been circulated to everyone in a word document.

2.2 Union Membership (Refer 2.9)

The problem regarding Access students being allowed entry to the Unions and the Library had now been resolved.

2.3 HMOs (Refer 2.12)

This had been followed up and S Campbell is now a member of Hillhead Community Council.

2.4 National Student Survey Report (Refer 10)

A copy of S Morrison's report had been circulated to members for information.

Minutes adopted by Council.

3 WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT, MHAIRI WILSON

M Wilson welcomed everyone to their 1st Council Meeting and explained the procedure and format of Council meetings. Members introduced themselves to the group.

4 SABBATICAL OFFICERS' REPORTS – 1 July to 31 October 2007

Each Sabbatical Officer highlighted three points from their reports.

**MHAIRI WILSON, PRESIDENT
(Copy of report circulated)**

4.1 Results of the Advisers of Studies Survey

Report is almost complete. Council were advised that there was considerable positive feedback. However inconsistencies within the system and its application were becoming evident.

4.2 Elections

M Wilson expressed satisfaction with the turnout at the recent Autumn Elections.

4.3 The Library

M Wilson pointed out that the extended opening hours of the Library was a direct result of SRC policy and campaigning.

M Wilson believes it is really important to highlight to students and Council members this year, Council's successes.

4.4 Questions or Comments for the President**4.4.1 Results of the Advisers of Studies Survey**

S Cawley asked if the results would be made available to Faculty Heads. M Wilson confirmed they would. She informed Council that the report will be submitted to the Education, Policy & Strategy Committee and the Student Advisory Committee. One of the reasons the SRC conducted the survey was because the University was carrying out a review of the advisory system. S Cawley pointed out that the Science Faculty had intended to conduct their own survey for Science students. M Wilson and G Lee will mention this at the next meeting of the Student Advisory Committee.

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5 FILIPPO TREVISAN, VP (MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS)
(Copy of report circulated)

5.1 Autumn Elections

F Trevisan informed Council the turnout for the recent elections had been the highest since 1995, with an increase of 210% on the numbers from last year's Autumn election.

5.2 The Guide & The Diary

F Trevisan explained that both publications were very well received. This was the first time the Diary had been produced and was distributed to first year students. Both publications have now run out. F Trevisan hopes the number of diaries printed next year will be increased and funding secured to produce it long term.

5.3 SRC Electronic Internal Newsletter/Newsletter to Students

It is F Trevisan's intention to produce an SRC newsletter either monthly or twice a term. The one to students will inform them about the successes of the SRC and the SRC internal newsletter will be in electronic format. He would welcome any contributions. This will keep everyone updated and highlight future plans. He hopes to send it out electronically by the end of next week and it will be distributed to Clubs & Societies and student reps.

5.4 SRC Website

Council noted the number of users of the website has increased 100% from last year.

5.5 Questions or Comments for VP (Media & Communications)ACTION**5.5.1 The Diary**

K Broad asked if the Diary could be made more accessible to other students or suggested an SRC calendar could be available in departments. M Wilson explained the reason the diary was given out to first year students was because it was linked to retention but she agreed the idea of an SRC calendar could be considered. She also pointed out that if the University increases the funding for the diary then all students would receive one.

**6 GAVIN LEE, VP (LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT)
(Copy of report circulated)****6.1 Freshers' Week**

G Lee reported that even though the organisation of Freshers' Week had taken up a huge amount of his time over the summer the week had been a great success. He hopes to have his report ready for the next Council meeting.

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6.2 Student Rep Training

Council noted that 442 students had signed up for the student rep training and there had been a 95% turnout, a slight increase on last year. G Lee is hoping to engage more student reps and make sure they understand their role in the SRC.

6.3 Clubs & Societies Affiliations

The first batch of affiliation forms is due and grants should be decided towards the end of November/December. G Lee will be reviewing the affiliation process throughout the year. Anyone interested in Clubs & Societies and would like to get involved should let him know.

6.4 Questions or Comments for VP (Learning & Development)

None.

**7 STRUAN CAMPBELL, VP (STUDENT SUPPORT)
(Copy of report circulated)****7.1 Shelter Conference**

S Campbell had attended the conference on Private Rented Housing. It had been a useful day and he had met local authorities and landlords and given an update on the amount of people registered with private landlords.

7.2 Student Summit

S Campbell had attended the summit and met with the Education Secretary, Fiona Hyslop and other Presidents. He found the day interesting but was not sure how much benefit was likely to come from it.

7.3 Message Calendar

S Campbell has been working on the message calendar planning welfare

campaign events for the year, e.g. mobile phone campaign, halls events and SHAG (Sexual Health at Glasgow) Day on 30 November.

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7.4 Housing

Over the summer S Campbell met with UNITE housing who have agreed to hold a student forum at the beginning of the year to discuss student issues. They will also arrange regular meetings with senior staff. They also agreed a roll out programme for their boilers being repaired as there have been problems with them in the past.

S Campbell also attended an event organised by Grant Management in relation to becoming carbon neutral. Follow up meetings will be taking place.

7.5 RAG (Raising & Giving) Week

This will take place from 25-29 February 2008 and it is hoped more money will be raised than last year. S Campbell is meeting shortly with the International Office to discuss a massive event they are hoping to organise. The first Rag Week meeting will take place at 5 p.m. on Thursday, 22 November in the Williams Room.

7.6 Questions or Comments for VP (Student Support)

7.6.1 Deposits from UNITE

J R Wightwick asked if the return of deposits had been discussed at the meeting. S Campbell confirmed it had and H Speirs also informed Council that the Advice Centre is on the point of referring their terms and conditions to the Office of Fair Trading for an opinion.

8 CONVENORS, OFFICERS & COURT ASSESSOR'S REPORTS

8.1 Howard Dickson, Part Time Students' Officer (Copy of report circulated)

8.1.1 Cheese & Wine Event

Council noted this will take place on 20 November in the Williams Room at 5.30 p.m.

9 COUNCIL MEMBERS

M Wilson informed Council that all members are encouraged to submit a report to Council meetings.

10 DRAFT ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2006-2007 & FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF 24 APRIL 2007 (Copy circulated to members)

B Hay, Permanent Secretary presented the accounts. There were no questions. Council noted the Accounts and Trustees' Report for the financial year 2006/07.

Proposer, J A Wightwick; Seconder, H Dickson

**11 ELECTION TO UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES, SRC COMMITTEES
& COURT ASSESSOR**

ACTION

The following were elected to serve as SRC Representatives on relevant committees:

HEALTH, SAFETY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE (2 reps)

Struan Campbell (ELECTED)

Howard Dickson (ELECTED)

MUSEUMS & GALLERIES COMMITTEE (1 rep)

Jennifer Wightwick (ELECTED)

LIBRARY COMMITTEE (1 rep)

Kirsten Broad (ELECTED)

STUDENT SUPPORT & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (1 rep)

George Twizell (ELECTED)

SENATE (4 reps)

President

VP (Media & Communications)

VP (Learning & Development)

VP (Student Support)

Arts Convenor

Education Convenor

Engineering Convenor (Vacant seat)

LBSS Convenor

Medicine Convenor

Science Convenor

Veterinary Medicine Convenor (Vacant seat)

Postgraduate Convenor

Howard Dickson (ELECTED)

Pete Ramand (ELECTED)

George Twizell (ELECTED)

Gareth Webb (ELECTED)

LEARNING & TEACHING COMMITTEE (3 reps)

Kirsten Broad (ELECTED)

Sara Cawley (ELECTED)

Veer Shah (ELECTED)

SENATE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE (3 reps)

Keiron Harris (ELECTED)

Jamie Wightwick (ELECTED)

George Twizell (ELECTED)

RELIGION & BELIEF EQUALITY GROUP (1 rep)

Lucille Harvey (ELECTED)

ACADEMIC DRESS COMMITTEE (1 rep)

Jennifer Wightwick (ELECTED)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (7 reps)

Kirsten Broad (ELECTED)

Sara Cawley (ELECTED)

Keiron Harris (ELECTED)

Lucille Harvey (ELECTED)

George Twizell (ELECTED)

Gareth Webb (ELECTED)

Jamie Wightwick (ELECTED)

COURT ASSESSOR

Jennifer Wightwick (ELECTED)

12 RECTORIAL ELECTION

The election of a new Rector will take place on Tuesday & Wednesday, 26-27 February 2008 and will be conducted electronically. M Wilson explained the role of the Rector emphasising how important it is that a working Rector is selected so that he/she will be able to chair Court and represent the students. In conjunction with the four other ancient Universities and Dundee, a Rectors' Charter has been produced and each candidate will be expected to sign the Charter agreeing to certain commitments during their term of office. Council noted that election forms and further information is available on the Senate Office website and will be on the SRC website shortly. M Wilson informed Council that the current Rector of Edinburgh University had offered to come along and speak to students about his role. Council agreed this would be worthwhile and any interested parties could be invited along too.

P Ramand, one of the election campaign team of the current Rector informed Council that when he met with Mordechai Vanunu last year in Jerusalem he had been extremely grateful at being elected Rector and expressed his disappointment that, due to restrictions on him leaving Israel, he had been unable to undertake his duties at Glasgow University.

13 COUNCIL TRAINING

This will take place on Saturday, 17 November in the Williams Room from 10 – 4.30 p.m. Anyone who can attend should let N Jennings know asap for catering arrangements. Training will include background and information about the SRC, individual plans for the year and looking at the Draft Strategic Plan. Information will be available for members who are unable to attend.

14 SUSTAINABILITY GROUP UPDATE

Due to the Convenor of the group resigning, S Campbell informed everyone an election for his replacement will be held on Wednesday, 14 November at 5 p.m. in the Williams Room.

15 JOHN MCINTYRE BUILDING

M Wilson reported that earlier in the year the Director of Estates & Buildings had prepared a very ambitious plan for campus. There had been some concern on the future of the John McIntyre Building as a student centred building. Discussions have been ongoing between the SRC and the University and it now appears that both parties have agreed on an option which will see the majority of the John McIntyre Building continue to remain under the auspices of the SRC providing opportunities for the SRC to expand and develop its student focused role.

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16 AOCB

16.1 St Andrews Day March

S Campbell informed Council on the 24 November a St Andrews Day anti-racist march will be taking place. He hopes Council members will attend and support it.

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.