

**MINUTES OF THE FIRST STATUTORY MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2005 AT 6.30 p.m.
IN THE WILLIAMS ROOM**

- Present** : As per Sederunt Sheets
- Apologies** : Sharon Gillies (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Officer)
Nadia Sinno (Race Relations Officer)
- Attending** : Bob Hay (Permanent Secretary)
Gina Connor (Senior Office & Finance Administrator) [part]
Mike Dailly (Principle Solicitor, Govan Law Centre) [part]
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1. ELECTION OF PRESES

John Andrew Murray elected unopposed.

2. REPORT AND STATEMENTS FOR 2004/2005

A question was raised regarding the reduced spend on advertising SCA during the previous financial year. B Hay (Permanent Secretary) clarified that this was due to delayed production of Publicity Booklet.

There were no further questions. Council noted the Accounts and report for the financial year 2004/05.

B Hay recorded his appreciation of the work of G Connor over the year.
(G Connor left the meeting).

**3. MINUTES OF THE EIGHTH STATUTORY MEETING OF COUNCIL
6 October 2005**

(a) Accuracy

Agreed as a correct record.

Misspelling of qmunicate noted.

(b) Matters Arising

D Guy advised he had spoken to the Academic Secretary with respect to the registration cards issue and he was currently following this up with Ian Hawkins, Clerk to Court.
(Ref 13.1)

4. EXECUTIVE OFFICERS', CONVENORS' AND ASSESSORS' REPORTS

All executive written reports noted.

(a) President

D Guy advised that 95% of the target had been reached with regard to the Voluntary Scheme and the process was almost concluded. Further he had recently met with the Principle and suggested that the principle email all students with an update on the current situation. The Principle appeared amenable to this.

No questions.

(b) VP Communications

S Morrison advised that she had nothing to add to previously submitted report.

No questions.

(c) VP Education

M Davies advised that 115 Course Reps had participated in training so far during the current week and SPARQS had proved a success. He had met with the Principle and asked for his support in promoting the value of course rep training throughout University structures.

M Davies advised that the patchy response from different University Faculties and Departments was unacceptable and he would continue to review the situation and report back to council in the hope that most issues would be addressed before the end of his term in office.

Question from Anders Roberts re: Provision of training for students sitting on Faculty level committees: M. Davies advised that the CR training had been targeted to all representatives and had material relevant to those mentioned by Anders, however if it was felt that there was a specific need in this area, training could be provided.

(d) VP Welfare and Equal Opportunities

S Tomlinson advised that she had been in discussion with Glasgow City Council regarding traffic calming measures on University Avenue. Whilst there was little prospect of a twenty miles per hour speed limit being applied on University Avenue, GCC had agreed to implement new traffic safety measures at the bottom of University Avenue.

S Tomlinson responded to a question regarding the exact role of an Equality Champion. S Tomlinson advised that the remit she had received from the University is that an equality Champion is a spokesperson for a particular equal opportunities cause. She felt that it was appropriate to attempt to work alongside the Equality Champions and therefore had meetings with all the Champions.

(e) VP Activities and Development

H Spurling advised that she had nothing to add to previously submitted report.

No questions.

(f) Arts Convenor

Kat Borrowdale met with the Dean of the Arts Faculty and is in the process of trying to build a positive working relationship. She reported attending a Faculty of Arts meeting where there was considerable discussion around the issues of student literacy recently highlighted in the Media. It is anticipated that discussion on this matter will be ongoing.

(g) Court Assessor

R McLaggan reiterated D Guy’s previous statements regarding the progress of the “Future Shape” exercise. The outlook is generally optimistic with the prospect of some financial “headroom” being achieved.

5. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

M Dailly gave an outline of the rationale and processes which informed the revised constitution. M Dailly and B Hay responded to a variety of questions.

The Executive unanimously proposed the following:

“The existing constitution and Bye-Laws are replaced in their entirety by the revised Constitution and Schedules as presented. Whilst it is proposed that the constitutional amendments as presented are accepted in full it is further recommended that the clauses referred to below (and any other enactments which may be indirectly affected) are subject to delayed enactment as outlined:

Deferred Clauses	Proposed Enactment Date
Constitution - Clause 8	1/07/06
Schedule 2 –Clause 9	Spring Elections 06
Schedule 2 –Clause 13	1/07/06

The following amendment to the amendments as presented was proposed.

To replace all references to ‘Students’ Association with ‘Unincorporated Student Representative Body.’

(Proposed) Richard D Anderson: LAFS Convenor
(Seconded) N Armstrong: Wolfson Hall President

Following a show of hands the amendment fell.

Council thereby supported the Executive’s proposed amendments.

It was confirmed that the revised constitution could not be enacted in whole or part until ratified by Court.

JA Murray thanked Mike Dailly for all his work on the constitution. M Dailly left the meeting at this point.

6. MOTION OF POLICY: National Union of Students

The following motion of policy had been previously circulated:

1. The SRC notes:

1.1 That Glasgow University SRC is not affiliated to the National Union of Students (NUS)

1.2 That Glasgow University SRC last held a referendum of all students on the subject of NUS affiliation in 1992.

1.3 That Edinburgh University students voted to affiliate to the NUS in a referendum in December 2004.

1.4 That many student unions affiliated to the NUS are constitutionally bound to hold referendums on continued affiliation on a prescribed timescale synchronised with the average student lifespan.

2. The SRC believes:

2.1 That while the issue of NUS affiliation is highly contentious, Glasgow University students have the right to be given the arguments in favour of and against affiliation in a free and fair way and make an informed decision on the issue in a referendum.

2.2 That the result of the referendum held in 1992 can no longer be counted as the opinions of Glasgow University students on this issue.

3. The SRC therefore resolves:

3.1 To hold a referendum, on December 6th and 7th 2005, in which all registered Glasgow University students who have not opted out of representation by the SRC under the terms of the Education Act 1994, shall be entitled to vote. The question in this referendum shall be:

"Should Glasgow University SRC affiliate to the National Union of Students (NUS)?"

Those voting will have the option to vote 'Yes' or 'No'

3.2 To abide by the result of the referendum; if the number of 'yes' votes exceed the number of 'no' votes then the SRC will affiliate to the NUS>

3.3 To provide for the establishment of two official groups to present the alternate arguments. The SRC President will chair the inaugural meetings of both of these groups, which will be held no later than November 16th 2005. All students who wish to be a member of either group will register their membership with the SRC Permanent Secretary prior to the inaugural meeting. No person who is not a Glasgow University student may be a member of either group. No person may be a member of both groups without first having resigned their membership of the other. At the inaugural meetings of each group those registered as members will elect the Chair, Vice-Chair and Publicity Officer of the group. Once these positions have been elected, the SRC President shall vacate the chair for the group Chair.

3.4 To provide funding for the two groups up to the value of £150 for the purpose of presenting the arguments. No publicity may be published by either group without it first having been authorised by the SRC Permanent Secretary, who shall act as independent adjudicator in all matters relating to alternative arguments in the referendum. The Permanent Secretary shall insist upon alterations being made to any publicity produced by either group if any part of it cannot be proved factually correct by the group Chair.

3.5 To enforce the following rules for the conduct of the poll: No person from either group shall be permitted to remove, cover, deface, or in any way obscure any publicity of the other group. No campaigning shall be permitted within any polling station.

3.6 To mandate the Returning Officer of the SRC elections to be responsible for the enforcement of the rules outlined in 3.5 above, for the fair conduct of campaigning on the days of the poll and for overseeing the publication and announcement of the results.

3.7 To mandate the SRC Permanent Secretary to produce impartial information in relation to NUS affiliation. This will include an outline of the costs of joining and any savings that may be made to the relevant bodies (provided the relevant bodies make this information available to the Permanent Secretary). The alternative camps shall use as a source for their publicity, and the Permanent Secretary will publish the impartial information in the form of a booklet which will be made available to all students prior to the referendum.

3.8 To hold hustings events at which the Chairs of the two groups will be able to speak, bringing with them an additional person to support their arguments. At the hustings, Glasgow University students will be entitled to ask the panel questions relating to the referendum.

Proposed: Dan Guy

Seconded: Robert McLaggan

Before discussion, Dan Guy submitted the following amended motion accepted by the Preses:

6(a) Motion of Policy- National Union of Students – As amended

1. The SRC notes:

1.1 That Glasgow University SRC is not affiliated to the National Union of Students (NUS)

1.2 That Glasgow University SRC last held a referendum of all students on the subject of NUS affiliation in 1992.

2. The SRC believes:

2.1 That while the issue of NUS affiliation is highly contentious, Glasgow University students have the right to be given the arguments in favour of and against affiliation in a free and fair way and make an informed decision on the issue in a referendum.

2.2 That the result of the referendum held in 1992 can no longer be counted as the opinion of Glasgow University students on this issue.

3. The SRC therefore resolves:

3.1 To hold a referendum, on a suitable date to be determined by the SRC Executive Committee, in which all registered Glasgow University students who have not opted out of representation by the SRC under the terms of the Education Act 1994, shall be entitled to vote. The question in this referendum shall be:

“Should Glasgow University SRC affiliate to the National Union of Students (NUS)?”

Those voting will have the option to vote “Yes” or “No”.

3.2 To abide by the result of the referendum; If the number of “yes” votes exceed the number of “no” votes then the SRC will affiliate to the NUS. If the number of “no” votes exceed the number of “yes” votes, the SRC will not affiliate to the NUS.

3.3 To establish the Returning Officer as an independent adjudicator who shall act in all matters relating to the referendum and the conduct of the poll, as detailed in 3.5 below. The SRC Depute President shall act as the Independent Adjudicator’s deputy. The Independent Adjudicator will convene at least two meetings prior to the referendum with the chairs of both campaigns.

3.4 To provide for the establishment of two official groups to present the alternate arguments. The Independent Adjudicator will chair the inaugural meetings of both of these groups, which will be held prior to the referendum campaign beginning. All students who wish to be a member of either group will register their membership with the Independent Adjudicator prior to the opening of polls. This may be done by the placing of names, matriculation numbers and other relevant information in secure hoppers in the foyers of the SRC, GUU, QMU, Mature Students Association and the Research Club, as these bodies permit. This shall be overseen by the Independent Adjudicator. No person who is not a Glasgow University student may be a member of either group. No person may be a member of both groups without first having resigned their membership of the other. At the inaugural meetings of the each group those registered as members will elect the Chair, Vice-

Chair and Publicity Officer of the group. Once these positions have been elected, the SRC President shall vacate the chair for the group Chair.

3.5 To provide equal funding for the purposes of presenting the arguments at a level deemed appropriate by the SRC Executive Committee.. No publicity may be published by either group without it first having been authorised by the Independent Adjudicator. The Independent Adjudicator shall insist upon alterations being made to any publicity produced by either group if any part of it cannot be proved to be factually correct by the group Chair.

3.6 To enforce the following rules for the conduct of the poll: No person from either group shall be permitted to remove, cover, deface, or in any way obscure any publicity of the other group. No campaigning shall be permitted within any polling station. The official camps shall not allow any person who is not a Glasgow University student to campaign for them.

3.7 To mandate the Returning Officer for SRC elections to be responsible for the enforcement of the rules outlined in 3.6 above, for the fair conduct of campaigning on the days of the poll and for overseeing the publication and announcement of the results.

3.8 To mandate the SRC Permanent Secretary to produce impartial information in relation to NUS affiliation. This will include an outline of the costs of joining and any savings that may be made to the relevant bodies (provided that the relevant bodies make this information available to the SRC Permanent Secretary). The alternative camps shall use as a source for their publicity, and the Permanent Secretary will publish the impartial information in the form of a booklet which will be made available to all students prior to the referendum. This booklet will be not be published until it has been cleared for publication by the Independent Adjudicator, with the two group chairs being satisfied with the content at one of the meetings outlined in 3.3 above.

3.9 To hold hustings events at which the chairs of the two groups will be able to speak, bringing with them an additional person to support their arguments. At the hustings, only Glasgow University students will be entitled to ask the panel questions relating to the referendum.

The amended motion became the substantive and a general open discussion ensued. The following amendments were considered:

Amendment 1

1)3:2: Add "However, a turnout of at least 15% of the student population shall be required for the vote to be binding.

2)3:3: Add after "...will register their membership with the SRC Permanent Secretary prior to the inaugural meeting" "This shall be done through the placing of names, matriculation numbers and all other relevant details in secure hoppers to be placed in the foyers of the SRC, GUU, QMU, Mature Students Union and Research Club. This shall be overseen by the impartial adjudicator."

*Proposed by Jamie McHale
Seconded by Alasdair Thom*

Ballot Result : Amendment 1 passed.

Amendment 2

Remove 3:2: Add "As this is an issue of constitutional importance, a two thirds majority will be required for the referendum to bring about a change to the current situation as is required in the SRC's constitution."

*Proposed by Richard D Anderson (LAFS Convenor)
Seconded by N Armstrong (Wolfson Hall President)*

Ballot Result : Amendment 2 fell

Amendment 3

3:10: If the SRC should affiliate to the NUS, then a second referendum on continued affiliation must be held in the fourth year of that affiliation.

Proposed by Dan Guy

Ballot Result : Amendment 3 passed

Thus the following motion was passed:

1. The SRC notes:

- 1.1 That Glasgow University SRC is not affiliated to the National Union of Students (NUS)*
- 1.2 That Glasgow University SRC last held a referendum of all students on the subject of NUS affiliation in 1992.*

2. The SRC believes:

- 2.1 That while the issue of NUS affiliation is highly contentious, Glasgow University students have the right to be given the arguments in favour of and against affiliation in a free and fair way and make an informed decision on the issue in a referendum.*
- 2.2 That the result of the referendum held in 1992 can no longer be counted as the opinions of Glasgow University students on this issue.*

3. The SRC therefore resolves:

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"Should Glasgow University SRC affiliate to the National Union of Students (NUS)?"

Those voting will have the option to vote 'Yes' or 'No'

3.2 To abide by the result of the referendum; if the number of 'yes' votes exceed the number of 'no' votes then the SRC will affiliate to the NUS. The vote will only be valid if a quota of 15% is met.

3.3 To establish the Returning Officer as an independent adjudicator who shall act in all matters relating to the referendum and the conduct of the poll, as detailed in 3.5 below. The SRC Depute President shall act as the independent adjudicator's deputy. The independent adjudicator will convene at least two meetings prior to for the referendum with the chairs of both campaigns.

3.4 To provide for the establishment of two official groups to present the alternate arguments. The independent adjudicator will chair the inaugural meetings of both these groups, which will be held prior to the referendum campaign beginning. All students who wish to be a member of either group will register their membership with the independent adjudicator prior to the opening of polls.

This may be done by the placing of names, matriculation numbers and other relevant information in secure lockers in the foyers of the SRC, GUU, QMU, Mature Students Association and the Research Club, as these bodies permit. This shall be overseen by the independent adjudicator. No person who is not a Glasgow University student may be a member of either group. No person may be a member of both groups without first having resigned their membership of the other. At the inaugural meetings of each group those registered as members will elect the Chair, Vice-Chair and Publicity Officer of the group. Once these positions have been elected, the SRC President shall vacate the chair for the group Chair.

3.5 To provide equal funding for the purposes of presenting the arguments at a level deemed appropriate by the SRC Executive committee. No publicity may be published by either group without it first having been authorised by the independent adjudicator. The independent adjudicator shall insist upon alterations being made to any publicity produced by either group if any part of it cannot be proved factually correct by the group Chair.

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6. Emergency Motion

Following a question from S Tomlinson it emerged that the President had lied to Council during the discussion on the previous item. In particular, when asked “Have you met with any members of the NUS Scotland Executive to discuss the proposed ballot on affiliation?” the President had replied in the negative. In response to S Tomlinson’s question the President admitted that he had met with Mel Ward (President NUS Scotland). It further emerged that the President had previously told Council and the Executive that he was meeting an MSP in Edinburgh when he was, in fact, meeting with Ms Ward.

Following consideration as to its competence the following motion was placed before Council:

Motion

I move the council to note that Dan Guy, has willingly misled the executive and council of the SRC and made false entries in his diary. In view of this, his position as a servant of the students has become untenable and his neutrality has been called into question and therefore, Council asks that he tender his resignation.

*Proposed by Richard D Anderson
Seconded by N Armstrong*

*LAFS Convenor
Wolfson Hall President*

The motion fell by 16 votes to 11

Council agreed that the aforementioned matter be referred to the constitution and procedures committee for consideration and recommendations as to potential further action.

7. ELECTIONS TO UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

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

1. COURT

Representatives	Name
SRC President	Dan Guy
SRC Court Assessor	Jamie McHale
Rector	Mordechai Vanunu

2. COURT COMMITTEES

2.1 Estates Planning & Strategy Committee

Current Representative	Name
Elected representative	Struan Campbell

2.1.1 Amenities Sub-Committee

Current Representative	Name
Elected representative	Struan Campbell

2.1.2 Energy Management Sub-Committee

Current Representative	Name
Elected representative	Anders Roberts

2.1.3 Garscube Estate Committee

Current Representatives	Name
Elected representative	Nicky Fair
Elected representative	Heather Spurling

2.2 Finance Committee

Current Representative	Name
SRC President	Dan Guy

2.3 Health, Safety & Environment Committee

Current Representatives	Name
Elected representative	Sarah Tomlinson
Elected representative	Henk van Klaveren

2.4 Childcare Facilities Committee

Current Representative	Name
SRC President	Dan Guy

2.5 Glasgow University Settlement Fund Committee

Current Representative	Name
VP (Activities and Development)	Heather Spurling

2.6 Court Appeals Panel

Current Representative	Name
SRC Court Assessor	Jamie McHale

2.7 Ethics Committee

Current Representative	Name
SRC President	Dan Guy

3. JOINT COURT & SENATE COMMITTEES**3.1 Chapel & Chaplaincy Committee**

Current Representative	Name
VP (Welfare and EO)	Sarah Tomlinson

3.2 Museums & Galleries Sub-Committee

Current Representative	Name
Elected representative	Kirsty Binnie

3.3 Library Sub-Committee

Current Representative	Name
VP (Education)	Matthew Davies
Elected representative	Kirsty Connell

3.4 Student Support & Development Committee

Current Representatives	Name
SRC Permanent Secretary	Bob Hay
President	Dan Guy
VP (Welfare and EO)	Sarah Tomlinson
VP (Education)	Matthew Davies
Elected representative	Andrew McDonald
Elected representative	Struan Campbell

3.5 Race Equality Co-ordinating Steering Group

Current Representative	Name
Race Equality Officer	Nadia Sinno

3.6 Equality and Diversity Strategy Committee

Current Representative	Name
SRC President	Dan Guy
SRC Vice-President (Welfare)	Sarah Tomlinson

4. SENATE

Title	Representative
SRC VP (Education)	Matthew Davies
SRC President	Dan Guy
L&FS Convenor	Richard Anderson
Sciences Convenor	Anders Roberts
Arts Convenor	Kat Borrowdale
Education Convenor	Stuart Meldrum
Soc Sci Convenor	Kirsty Connell
Medicine Convenor	Karyn Devlin
Engineering Convenor	
Vet Med Convenor	Nicky Fair
Post Graduate Convenor	*Vacant
Elected representative	Andrew MacDonald
Elected representative	Henk van Klaveren
Elected representative	Sarah Tomlinson
Elected representative	Heather Spurling

5. SENATE COMMITTEES

5.1 Senate Business Committee

Student Representative	Name
SRC President	Dan Guy

5.2 Faculty Committees

5.2.1 Faculty of Arts

Current Representatives	Name
SRC Arts Faculty Convenor	Kat Borrowdale

5.2.2 Faculty of Biomedical and Life Sciences

Current Representatives	Name
SRC Sciences Convenor	Anders Roberts

5.2.3 Faculty of Education

Current Representatives	Name
SRC Education Faculty Convenor	Stuart Meldrum

5.2.4 Faculty of Engineering

Current Representative	Name
SRC Engineering Faculty Convenor	Ally Thom

5.2.5 Faculty of Information and Mathematical Sciences

Current Representatives	Name
SRC Sciences Convenor	Anders Roberts

5.2.6 Faculties of Law, Business and Social Sciences

Current Representatives	Name
SRC Law and Financial Studies Faculty Convenor	Richard Anderson
SRC Social Sciences Faculty Convenor	Kirsty Connell

5.2.7 Faculty of Medicine

Current Representative	Name
SRC Medicine Faculty Convenor	Karyn Devlin

5.2.8 Faculty of Physical Sciences

Current Representatives	Name
SRC Sciences Convenor	Anders Roberts

5.2.9 Faculty of Veterinary Medicine

Current Representatives	Name
SRC Vet Med Faculty Convenor	Nicky Fair

5.3 Education Planning and Strategy Committee

Current Representative	Name
President	Dan Guy

5.3.1 Academic Regulations Sub-Committee

Current Representative	Name
SRC Vice-President (Education)	Matthew Davies

5.3.2 Learning & Teaching Sub-Committee

Current Representative	Name
Elected representative	Matthew Davies

5.3.3 Widening Participation Sub-Committee

Current Representative	Name
SRC VP (Welfare)	Sarah Tomlinson
SCA Development Officer	Claire Street

5.3.4 Student Disability Provision Steering Group (SDPSG)

Current Representatives	Name
SRC Special Needs Officer	Sarah Tomlinson
Elected representative	Struan Campbell

5.3.5 Academic Issues Data Protection Working Group

Current Representative	Name
Elected representative	Anders Roberts

5.4 Senate Discipline Committee

Current Representative	Name
Elected representative	Heather Spurling
Elected representative	Sarah Tomlinson
Reserve	Henk van Klaveren

5.5 Military Education Committee

Current Representative	Name
Elected representative	Andrew MacDonald

5.6 Academic Dress Committee

Current Representative	Name
Elected representative	Kristy Binnie

5.7 Mental Health Working Group

Current Representative	Name
Elected representative	Sarah Tomlinson

8. ELECTION TO SRC COMMITTEES

a) Constitution and Procedures Committee

The following were elected to the Constitution and Procedures Committee

John Andrew Murray
 Sarah Tomlinson
 Henk van Klaveren
 Kat Borrowdale
 Andrew McDonald

b) Clubs and Societies Committee

The following were elected to the Clubs & Societies Committee

Heather Spurling
 Sarah Tomlinson
 Shona Morrison
 Anders Roberts
 Kevin Sweeney

9. Minutes of Operations Committee 20th September 2005

Minutes noted