

**MINUTES OF THE THIRD STATUTORY MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 2 DECEMBER 2004 AT 6.30 p.m.
IN THE WILLIAMS ROOM**

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Present : As per Sederunt Sheets

Apologies : John Anderson, Aidan Brack, Calum Fisher, Sarah Gurney, Dann Lanigan, Mary McCausland, Heather Noller, Bryan Roberts, Nicole Svinos

**1 MINUTES OF THE SECOND STATUTORY MEETING OF COUNCIL
18 November 2004 – Factual Corrections**

None.

2 MATTERS ARISING

2.1 Convenors Training (Refer 6.9)

This had taken place on Monday 29 November.

2.2 Guardian Website (Refer 5.7.1)

W Lord has still to find out who is in control of 'Student Underground'.

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Minutes adopted by Council.

3 EXECUTIVE OFFICERS' REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Copy of report circulated to Council)

3.1 University Finance Committee

The following items were discussed –

3.1.1 Universitas 21 Global On-line University

J A Murray updated Council on this. This is based around doing on-line MBAs. They haven't had enough interest and the company was looking for a further investment of £¼million from the University but the University didn't think it was worth putting more money into the project at the moment.

3.1.2 Small Animal Hospital

There are plans to build a small animal hospital at the Vet School but there are planning difficulties because the Council had problems with this being built on the Green belt. The Vice-Principal (Advancement) expressed concern that the University had missed a timetable to launch a major fund raising campaign so the University is worried about how much external funding they will get for this.

3.1.3 Glasgow Student Villages

Student income from the Halls had increased this year but the money raised from conferences had decreased since September 11th. The University hope this will rise again. The University also wants to attract students to stay 52 weeks per year.

3.1.4 The Hub

No further progress on this. This is still being reviewed.

3.2 Graduations

J A Murray attended the graduation ceremony yesterday.

3.3 Permanent Secretary Interviews

Letters have been sent out to six candidates being interviewed for the Permanent Secretary position. Interviews will take place on 8/9 December.

3.4 Campaigning

J A Murray has been campaigning in Edinburgh for a no vote in the NUS referendum.

3.5 Questions or Comments for the President

3.5.1 The Rector

H van Klaveren asked how J A Murray felt about the fact that one of the candidate's nominated for this position would not be able to attend any meetings because he would not be able to leave Israel. J A Murray felt it was up to the students if they wanted to make a politic point but he was looking forward to an interesting contest.

3.5.2 Meeting with Principal

K Jurgens asked J A Murray what the Senior Management Group Sub-groups were that he referred to in his report. He informed her they were strategic groups that the Principal had set up to look after particular areas. He believes they will become very important groups strategically.

**4 VP ACTIVITIES & DEVELOPMENT REPORT
(Copy of report circulated to Council)**

4.1 Administration Work

A Forsyth has been spending a lot of time consolidating other jobs and catching up with administration work.

4.2 Campaigning

A Forsyth has been campaigning in Edinburgh for a no vote in the NUS referendum.

4.3 Graduations

A Forsyth attended the graduation service and ceremony yesterday.

4.4 Questions or Comments for VP Activities & Development

None.

**5 VP COMMUNICATIONS REPORT
(Copy of report circulated to Council)**

5.1 Campaigning

W Lord has been campaigning in Edinburgh for a no vote in the NUS

referendum.

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5.2 Questions or Comments for VP Communications

5.2.1 Guardian e-mail address

S Jakilinki asked if this address was working. As far as W Lord was aware it was working fine but he confirmed he would check it out.

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5.2.2 Website

S Tomlinson asked about the website shutting down. W Lord believes this had something to do with the new Webmaster but he understands a new domain name is going to be set up.

6 VP EDUCATION REPORT

(Copy of report circulated to Council)

As J Anderson was not present at the meeting it was suggested that anyone who had any questions or comments about his report should e-mail them to him.

7 VP i/c WELFARE & EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES REPORT

(Copy of report circulated to Council)

7.1 Campaigning

D Guy has been campaigning in Edinburgh for a no note in the NUS referendum.

7.2 Questions or Comments for VP Welfare & Equal Opportunities

None.

8 CONVENORS, OFFICERS' & ASSESSOR'S REPORTS

8.1 Anders Roberts, International Students' Officer

(Copy of report circulated to Council)

A Roberts was not present at the meeting but D Cain and D Guy were happy to answer any questions. A Forsyth confirmed he would be helping A Roberts bring some of the International Clubs & Societies together. K Jurgens stated she would submit her 'Anti Visa Renewal Fee Campaign' petition sheet by Friday afternoon.

8.2 Douglas Cain, Environmental Officer

(Copy of report circulated to Council)

D Cain had nothing further to add to his report.

9 MINUTES OF THE SRC ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

5 March 2004 – Factual Corrections and Matters Arising

None. Minutes adopted by Council.

10 MINUTES OF THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

19 October 2004 – Factual Corrections and Matters Arising

None. Minutes adopted by Council.

11 MINUTES OF THE CLUBS & SOCIETIES COMMITTEE MEETING

17 November 2004 – Factual Corrections and Matters Arising

J Anderson had not submitted these. These will be submitted to the next meeting of Council.

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12 MINUTES OF THE WELFARE & EQUAL OPPORTUNITES COMMITTEE MEETING

4 March 2004 – Factual Corrections and Matters Arising

None. Minutes adopted by Council.

13 AOCB

13.1 Postgraduate Committee Meeting

S Jakilinki informed Council this meeting would be taking place in the Williams Room at 12 o'clock on Friday 3 December.

13.2 Committee Meeting Minutes

R McLaggan referred to committee meeting minutes, which had already been approved by the Committee prior to being brought to Council. He proposed that in future if anyone wants to comment on any points in any of the minutes they should inform the Chair rather than Council having to go through every set of minutes. Council agreed.

13.3 Items for the Agenda

J A Murray reminded Council that any member is welcome to submit items for the Agenda.

13.4 Rectorial Election

A Forsyth announced that there would be two sets of Hustings for the Rectorial Election. The Dialectic Society are holding an event in the QM Union on Friday 3 December and the SRC will be arranging the official Hustings two days before the election on Monday 13 December.

13.5 Med-Chir Christmas Party

D Mackenzie invited everyone to attend the Med-Chir Christmas party on Thursday 9 December in one of the rooms in the GUU.

Meeting closed at 7.00 p.m. and everyone went to the GUU for a drink.