



29 November 2010

Dear Council Member,

Council Meeting

In accordance with the Constitution I hereby give notice that a meeting of council will take place on **Thursday, 2 December** at **6.30 p.m.** in the **Williams Room**.

I would remind you that you are obliged to attend all meetings of council. **If you are unable to attend please send your apologies in writing to me, or the PA to the Permanent Secretary, before midday on Thursday 2 December 2010.**

All minutes of committees, reports etc. to be approved at the meeting should be handed to the PA to the Permanent Secretary by **12pm** on **Tuesday, 30 November 2010**.

The Agenda for the meeting will be as follows:

- a) Welcome
- b) Sederunt
- c) Minutes of the last meeting (11 November) and matters arising (attached)
- d) Sabbatical Officers' Reports (attached)
- e) Convenors', Officers' and Court Assessors' Report (to follow)
- f) Appointment of Auditor and Lawyer
- g) Movember
- h) Student Protests
- i) Health Week
- j) Media Week
- k) 125th Anniversary
- l) John McIntyre Building
- M) AOCB

Yours faithfully

Tommy Gore
President

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2010 AT 6.30 p.m.
IN THE WILLIAMS ROOM.**

Present : As per sederunt sheets

Apologies : Michael Comerford, Alan Tinning

Attending : Iain McCreadie (Advice Worker), Gina Connor (Senior Finance and Admin Officer), Laura Laws (Past President)

1. WELCOME

T. Gore thanked all in attendance and welcomed the newly elected members of council.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING (7.10.2010)

Factual corrections - none. Minutes agreed and approved.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING (7.10.2010)

3.1. G12 Theatre (Refer 3.2.)

T. Gore had contacted Prof A. Scullion in Theatre, Film and Television. He was informed that although the theatre was closed, G12 was still being used as a teaching space. The Secretary of Court, would be reviewing the situation over the year. T. Gore will forward relevant information to council in an email.

T.Gore

3.2. Gender Officer Job Description (Refer 9.2.)

T. Gore informed council that job descriptions had not yet been finalised but that transgender representation would be highlighted for inclusion.

3.3. Comparing Feedback (Refer 10.4.)

T. Gore reminded council members to email or bring marked coursework to the upper executive office to enable feedback comparison.

3.4. Council Hours (Refer 11.2.)

T. Gore reported that a number of council members had been in touch with the executive with available hours and these were now advertised on www.glasgowstudent.net. T. Gore also requested that newly elected council members contact himself or L. Winter with one or two available hours during each week. It was also reported that folders for members elected during the spring elections had been placed in the lower exec. Folders will be provided for new members.

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T. Gore

3.5. Guardian Publicity (Refer 11.3.):

L. Winter asked whether all council members were comfortable being

included in future issues of The Guardian for council publicity purposes. There were no objections. Two council members would be chosen by L. Winter and contacted within the next week.

L. Winter

3.6. University Fee Policy (Refer 16.4.)

T. Gore reported that there hadn't been a meeting of the Finance Committee since the last council meeting. The response from the Principal had been disappointing on this issue and T. Gore would raise it again at a meeting with the Principal on 15/11/10.

T. Gore

3.7. University Converted Accommodation (Refer 16.6.)

F. Sutherland reported that this issue had been discussed with the Advice Centre. I. McCreddie added that Residential Services had proved amenable to discussion and negotiation on individual cases brought to their attention by the Advice Centre. This has proved successful so far, but it was still not clear what action the University would take to address the overall problem in order to prevent reoccurrence in future years.

4. REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE

G. Connor summarised the document and took questions from the council. S. Ritchie sought detail over the reduction of costs at Crichton Campus. G. Connor noted that the SRC managed one member of staff at Crichton and that reductions were not staff related. T. Gore advised council to contact him should there be any further queries regarding this document. The Financial Statement was proposed by S. Ritchie and seconded by A. Cohen. **G. Connor left the meeting.**

5. SABBATICAL OFFICERS' REPORTS: SEP – NOV 2010

Council were invited to ask questions pertaining to each of the Sabbatical Officers' reports.

**Tommy Gore, PRESIDENT
(Copy of report circulated)**

5.1. DOGS (Deans of Graduate School), 21/10/10, raised by A. Cohen:

T. Gore felt that there had been a misunderstanding at this meeting regarding the SRC's position towards the closure of the Hetherington Club resulting in a slightly negative reaction from some staff members, despite a general consensus that the lack of postgraduate social space was an important issue.

5.1.2. Sharepoint, 20/10/10, raised by K. Law:

K. Law sought clarification over this initiative. T. Gore explained that the aim was for the system to be more functional than *Mahara* and that it would also be accessible to clubs and societies. He added that at the

moment, he was aware that Mathematics and Statistics used the system, but that it was still in development. *Sharepoint* is part of the *Student Lifecycle Project* and will consult with SRC in the near future, but T. Gore welcomed input from council members with access to *Sharepoint* which he could then forward to the *Student Lifecycle Project*.

5.1.3. Summary

T. Gore concluded his report by highlighting that student related issues were increasingly high on the national agenda, and that the Scottish Government's upcoming budget would likely further increase financial pressures on Scottish universities, however as an election year was approaching it is likely that funding cuts will be less severe than they might otherwise be.

5.2. Tuula Eriksson, VP (LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT) (copy of report circulated)

5.2.1 Convenors Meeting

T. Eriksson sought to highlight the Convenors meeting as an important tool for Academic Convenors to have their voice heard and reminded all of the next meeting on 15/11/10.

5.3. Fraser Sutherland, VP (STUDENT SUPPORT) (copy of report circulated)

5.3.1. Hillhead Area Committee 18/10/10 raised by S. Ritchie

S. Ritchie sought clarification on the number of community councils at which SRC had a presence, and asked whether a presence on the Merchant City Area Committee should be considered now that there were a number of GU students in private halls at High street. F. Sutherland suggested, given the large student presence in the West End, efforts were better concentrated there.

5.3.2. HMO Regulation, raised by F. Weber

F. Weber asked whether it would be possible for the SRC to develop a system or checklist for students to be certain that their residences were HMO licensed. F. Sutherland confirmed that he had been working with local community councils in response to revisions of the Private Rented Housing Bill. T. Gore highlighted that SRC information on many aspects of renting private accommodation, including HMOs, was available from the SRC and on the website.

5.3.3 ACAN (Anti-Cuts Action Network), raised by I. Smith

I. Smith noted that there had been a number of meetings with ACAN over

the previous month and sought clarification on the nature of the SRC's relationship with this group. F. Sutherland noted that the SRC had been approached by ACAN to take part in the Edinburgh and London demonstrations, and that this was the extent of the relationship.

5.4. Luke Winter, VP (MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS) (copy of report circulated)

5.4.1. Movember

L. Winter noted that Movember would conclude on 30 November at the QMU in Jim's Bar, where he hoped that the SRC team would win the prize for best moustaches.

6. CONVENORS', OFFICERS' & COURT ASSESSOR'S REPORTS (copies circulated)

6.1. Stuart Ritchie, LBSS Convenor

Report noted.

6.2. Matt Morrison, Clubs and Societies Officer

(4/10/10) M. Morrison noted that he had been contacted by UPC (University Pool Competition) to possibly arrange a university team. He had emailed GUU and QMU, but was awaiting further confirmation of interest from both unions.

6.3. Hannah Mary Goodlad, Science Convenor

HM. Goodlad disclosed that the Psychology School had not allowed her to attend their SSLC. It was suggested to her by the secretary of the SSLC that her presence would prevent students from speaking out. F. Weber noted that he had been invited to the Psychology SSLC as Arts Convenor, even though he would be reviewing this department later in the year. T.Gore. voiced concerns and advised that he would pursue.

**T. Gore
T. Eriksson**

6.5. F. Weber, Arts Convenor

(21/11/10) F. Weber met with GUSA to discuss an Inter Collegiate Sport Program and attached a report of this meeting.

7. COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Votes were cast for the various university committees. Results were as follows:

Health, Safety & Environment – Hannah Mary Goodlad

Museums & Galleries – Jenny Court

Library – Ellen Grant

Student Support Development Committee (SSDC) – Stuart Ritchie

Senate – Jamie Henfrey, Kenneth Law, Suzanne Milne, Dij Davies

Learning and Teaching – Florian Weber, Cristina Fundulea, Morven Dockery

Senate Disciplinary – Chris Forster, Florian Weber, Stuart Ritchie

Religion and Belief Equality Group – Nataliya Toaszek

Academic Dress – Luke Winter

Court – Matt Morrison

8. FRESHERS' WEEK REPORT (copy circulated)

T. Eriksson thanked all the Helpers and minibus drivers who assisted during Freshers' Week, and noted the good relationship that was established between the different student bodies on campus. She also noted that any comments would be included in a report to be passed on to her successor.

8.1. Freshers' Address, raised by S. Ritchie

S. Ritchie commented on SRC helpers' presence at the Freshers' Address. It was noted that many Freshers' helpers had wanted to attend, but had been committed elsewhere. Because SRC helpers were working elsewhere it meant that the SRC was grossly underrepresented at the Freshers' Address compared with GUU, GUSA and QMU. He proposed that the SRC helpers not sit during the Freshers' Address. This would highlight the crucial role the SRC was fulfilling in making Freshers' Week a success and put an end to the illusion that the SRC had fewer helpers.

8.2. Thanks

Council applauded T. Eriksson's efforts during Freshers' Week and T. Gore thanked her for her report.

9. PETs (PRIZES FOR EXCELLENT TEACHING) (copy circulated)

T. Eriksson provided an outline for the student-led awards ceremony for teaching excellence. Feedback was encouraged on this initiative. It was noted that nominations would open in February. S. Ritchie asked whether guidelines would be followed for deciding winners and whether SSLCs and class reps would be inculcated into the decision-making process to ensure tangible analysis of results. T. Eriksson noted these suggestions and confirmed that all avenues of promotion and analysis open to the SRC would be employed during the awards program. In response to a question from K. Law, T. Eriksson explained that a staff-led scheme was run by the Learning and Teaching centre, which would be remodelled to be more college specific, but noted that in past years, students' nominations were often at a disadvantage in comparison to professional/academic nominations. T. Gore added that the SRC wished to promote the value it places on learning and teaching, and that staff-led nominations often included a focus on academic research and publications, which may not always be accessible, or as relevant, to students.

10. Learning and Teaching Conference Submission

T. Eriksson noted that the Learning and Teaching Conference would be taking place in April 2011, and the L and T centre had approached the SRC with the idea of making a video to promote/discuss the academic experience at Glasgow. It was noted that GUST and/or CUT! Filmmaking would be involved in the filming, but hoped that council members would be involved in contributing ideas. T. Gore suggested a meeting with council members who were interested.

T. Gore
T. Eriksson

11. Health Week

F. Sutherland requested volunteers for various projects taking place throughout Health Week. In response to a question from A. Cohen, F. Sutherland explained that SHAG and Mental Health Week had been merged this year to allow for a full week of events, a bigger campaign, and a more cost-effective spending program. L. Winter also requested volunteers to assist with publicity. T. Gore emphasised the importance of council members attending events when possible.

12. Anti-Cuts Demonstration in London

T. Gore reported that no University of Glasgow students had been involved in the disturbances in London. T. Gore reflected that no council members had travelled to London, but was more disappointed that only J. Henfrey had attended the Principal's open session on 7/11/10 in the Bute Hall. It

was emphasised that council are elected by students to represent them at national, not just University level and, as such, it is the duty of council members to participate in such events.

13. 125th Anniversary of GUSRC

To celebrate the 125th anniversary of GUSRC, T. Gore explained that an exhibition of SRC archive materials was being organised for March 2011 in the atrium of the Wolfson Medical School. Volunteers were requested to assist in the university archives. S. Ritchie suggested that a student from the university archives or HAATI be employed to undertake this research professionally. T. Gore agreed to consider this.

T. Gore

14. Postgraduate Strategy Document (copy circulated)

A. Cohen presented the new postgraduate strategy on which the pg reps would be concentrating their efforts. She had met with M. Comerford and A. Tinning, and the main areas for concentration were identified as representation and social space. Events would be organised for PG students with the aim of emphasising the demand for a PG social space. A postgraduate society had been established with its first event planned for 24/11/10 in the Food Factory. The Deans of the Graduate Schools had been contacted by M. Comerford and had pledged their full support for the society. Feedback was welcomed.

PG Reps

15. AOCB

15.1. S. Ritchie: Class Rep Feedback Form

At the recent Academic Convenors Meeting it was suggested that a feedback form be drafted to create standardised feedback for class reps across the university, for use at Staff Student Liaison Committees. Volunteers were requested to form a working group to work on this project with S. Ritchie. The immediate objective will be to run a pilot scheme next semester.

S. Ritchie

15.2. D. Davies: Minorities' Experience of University Services

D. Davies suggested drafting a questionnaire to gauge minorities' experiences of student services on-campus after attending a meeting with the Equality and Diversity Unit (EDU). T. Gore explained that a wider discussion would need to be had regarding this issue. B Hay raised his concerns at the value of such a project

D. Davies

T. Gore

15.3. L. Winter: Sunday Herald Interviews

The Sunday Herald had approached the SRC for four interviewees to respond to the recent demonstrations in London. T. Gore had already agreed to take part. Requests would be posted on Facebook.

L. Winter

Thanks

T. Gore Thanked those in attendance. B. Hay reminded members that council training would take place on 13/11/10 and T. Gore added that the remembrance service would take place on 14/11/10. The meeting concluded at 20:45.

