

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> February AT 6.30 p.m.  
IN THE WILLIAMS ROOM.**

**Present** : As per sederunt sheets

**Apologies** : O. Odedina, H. Macfarlane, V. Pantazi, B. O'Neill, L. Wallace, L. Stockwell, A. Deans, D Adesina T. Hokkanen, K. Morrison, H. Sneddon, J. Kempe, C. Miller (GUSA)

**Attending** : Ann Allen (Estates and Buildings), Erin Russell (Advice Centre)

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**1. WELCOME**

J Harrison reminded Council that they were expected to make time to attend council meetings.

**2. Minutes of the Last meeting**

D. Mackay requested that the AOCB question to Jess regarding Clubs and Societies be changed to include all organisations rather than just charities.

It was agreed that the minute would be amended and the minutes were approved.

**2.1 Matters Arising**

**Meeting with Social Sciences** - J Harrison updated council that they had met with one of the members of staff responsible for circulating the email regarding student representatives. It was clear that the college were unaware of the correct procedures relating to representation and the GUSRC. A further meeting with more senior members of staff from the college of social sciences is to be arranged.

**JH to meet with senior admin in college of Soc Sciences.**

**Nursing Review** - J Harrison updated council on the Nursing review informing them that discussions with Caledonian University are going well and that The Scottish Funding council has set aside £200,000 towards an options appraisal.

D. Walker asked if the number of places for nursing would be cut further. JH responded that they had not been cut for next year

**PG Forum** - J Harrison informed council that the PG forum to find out opinions on Intellectual Property would be held in The Gilchrist and asked any PG council members to take part.

**Mobile Technology** - C. Angus informed council that there would be further meetings over the summer to discuss the development of mobile technology. D. McConnell from IT services will be involved.

**Millport Research Station** - J Harrison noted that he understood that H Macfarlane had continued the discussion regarding the proposed closure of the Millport research station on facebook.

**PGT Course Flexibility** - J Harrison informed council that he had spoken with F. Coton (VP Learning and Teaching) regarding PGT students being unable to change their courses. The response was that as they are one year courses they are similar to honours courses which do not have the same flexibility as first and second year courses

### **3. Reports and Updates**

#### **3.1 Council Reports**

C Angus asked R Balaban for an update on the GUST graduate attributes video. R Balaban responded that the video should be ready for the next council meeting.

M Clark asked J McGrellis about accessible formatting and the response at the equality outcomes meeting and what the result would be. J McGrellis responded that there were three equality outcomes discussed the first of which was about agreeing an accessible standard across the university. She added that the university are bound to act upon equality outcomes.

L Johnstone asked for more details on meeting with Colleges Scotland. J McGrellis and B Hay responded that they had been asked to attend as Colleges Scotland are undertaking a project looking at developing a policy to help support carers in colleges. As GUSRC had already set up a carers policy they were asked to attend to feedback on the progress here.

J McGrellis reminded council that nominations for the VCS would be opening on Monday and encouraged council members who were involved with volunteering and clubs to get involved.

C Angus updated council on his meeting with UWS and GCU to discuss the preparation of a report for SAAS with ideas on how to improve the service. Ideas discussed included a move away from paper forms to an online

service, and ways to improve publicity campaigns highlighting deadlines. The findings will be compiled into a report which C Angus will circulate to council when he receives it.

### **3.2 Lecture Recording Update**

J Harrison updated council on lecture recording. The working group has reconvened. J Harrison and R Balaban will be meeting with the group again soon. J Harrison will continue to update council on this as it progresses. J Harrison anticipates that preventing an 'opt out' clause is going to be the biggest difficulty. Discussion followed.

### **3.3 RAG week update**

J McGrellis informed council that the shortlist of charities had been posted on facebook and commented that there had been over one hundred responses so far. She asked council members to vote before the nominations closed.

J McGrellis added that they have already raised over £500 for one dress one month beating last year's total.

J McGrellis outlined some of the other events that would be taking place and asked council to get involved.

D Mackay declared a potential conflict of interest in the RAG week charities shortlist asking that it be noted that his father is a trustee and director of Venture Trust Scotland.

### **3.4 Scottish Water**

J Harrison informed council that students staying in halls of residence may end up paying water charges to Scottish water.

E. Russell clarified that it is the companies that run the halls that are being targeted, as businesses, rather than the students but the knock on effect would likely be students paying higher rents.

Discussion followed.

J Harrison added that GUSRC would be checking to see if price increases were being passed on in next year's charges.

### **3.5 Campaign 250**

J McGrellis asked council to research Campaign 250 to enable an informed discussion at a future council meeting.

JH to check if charges were being passed to students

#### **4. Media Week Report**

C. Angus delivered a short presentation on Media Week. A full written report will follow.

D. Walker asked which of the sabbatical positions would be taking over media week in 2013/14. J Harrison responded that the events were decided on a yearly basis by the incoming sabbatical officers but as a successful and popular event it would likely be part of the events program.

#### **5. Campus Masterplan Discussion – Ann Allen, Estates and Buildings**

Ann Allen delivered a presentation on the campus masterplan discussion and questions followed.

F Bell suggested that they contact clubs and societies to get involved in consultation.

T Hull asked if there would be any consultation would be happening at Garscube. A Allen responded that they were not planned at present but that she would look into it.

D Walker asked for clarification on what buildings might be sold as part of the development. A Allen responded that it would likely be peripheral buildings outwith the campus but that it had not yet been decided. The decisions that will be taken will be thoroughly tested to ensure the best decisions are reached.

K Main asked if there were any specific environmental goals and if they had met with the environment sustainability team. A. Allen responded that the target is to deliver on the draft carbon plan reducing carbon levels by 20% by 2015. The immediate focus is on improved infrastructure such as the heating system.

N Mosson asked if equal priority would be given to the various stakeholders involved in the consultation (staff, students, and local community). A. Allen responded that no particular weight would be given to any particular group but would be looking at the feedback and identifying the general themes and the quantity of the feedback on them. The Questions will be designed to get a sense of what is generally thought to be most important.

L Johnstone asked if roads were being considered as part of the masterplan. A. Allen responded that roads and transport would be an important part of the consultation.

F Bell Asked if the funding for the QMU would be comparable to that spent on the GUU. A Allen responded that it was not something that had been looked at yet. In response to a question from Ann Allen F Bell advised that she believed QMU should also be considered for additional funding.

L Feng asked if the room numbering structure would be changed to be more intuitive. A Allen responded that it was part of a larger issue of signage throughout the university but it was not currently being looked at.

A need to effectively promote the consultation was discussed.

F Grier suggested that a banner on MyGlasgow might be an effective means of promoting the consultation.

## **6. Graduate Attributes Breakout Session**

R Balaban asked council to split into groups and discuss about what graduate attributes mean to them and how best to promote them.

## **7. Student Voice**

J Harrison updated council on recent updates to Student Voice and reminded reps to take the time to engage with students through this channel.

Discussion followed.

J Harrison asked council members to take screenshots of any issues and forward them to G Lee.

The potential for having an area within Student Voice where more general issues could be discussed was suggested.

B Hay confirmed that their SRC email accounts were not subject to FOI requests as the SRC is not a public body.

J Harrison will feedback comments to G. Lee

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## **8. Elections**

Council were reminded about the upcoming elections and asked them to try and encourage people to stand for positions.

## **9. Annual Report**

J Harrison circulated annual reports to council members and asked them to

share the link to the online version to friends on facebook.

## **10. AOCB**

J Harrison informed council that there was a disagreement in the HEAR Working Group over what students would qualify for a HEAR. At present students attending in a non-traditional mode of study, or those who don't graduate don't qualify for a HEAR. J Harrison added that he believed that every student should receive a HEAR. Discussion followed. Council agreed that all students of the university should receive a HEAR, irrespective of the method of study, or whether or not they graduate.

J Harrison informed council that Andrea Nolan Senior Vice Principal was standing down to take the role of Principal at Napier University.

G Hope informed council that the recent intersociety event had been a success.

Meeting concluded at 9pm