

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 21 JANUARY 2010 AT 6.30 p.m.
IN THE WILLIAMS ROOM**

ACTION

Present : As per Sederunt Sheets

Apologies : Stephen Flavahan, Katy Fraser, Louise Irving,
Morven Weir

**1 MINUTES OF THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING
3 December 2009 – Factual Corrections**

1.1 Biology Level 2 (Refer 9.3.2)

Amend to read - A Cohen highlighted that Biology level 2 has now found a way to make it easier for students to choose what they want to study in 3rd year, a decision that had to be made in part at the end of 1st year. There are 4 groups and for each of the 4 groups there are the same pre-requisites. If a student wants to study in a particular group, he/she can do so without having to decide on a particular course within that group until the end of 2nd year. In addition, they can have up to 3 groups open as an option.

Minutes adopted by Council.

2 MATTERS ARISING

2.1 Feedback from Informal Council Meeting on 24/9/09 (Refer 3.1)

The notes from this meeting were circulated to Council for information. They will now be passed to the Executive Committee for follow up.

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2.2 SRC Website (Refer 6.1)

J Wilson confirmed that the election website has now been updated.

2.3 Moodle for Student Reps (Refer 6.2)

M Boyd confirmed that the problem with Moodle had been resolved.

2.4 Media Week Publicity & Election Posters (Refer 10)

J Wilson has spoken to the publicity team and asked them to remove all out of date posters and publicity from around campus.

**2.5 Glasgow University Students Living in Caledonian University
Accommodation (Refer 13.2)**

L Laws and S Hall met with the Accommodation Office and Glasgow Student Village to discuss the possibility of students being given another 10 week transport ticket. The Accommodation Office & Glasgow Student Village confirmed that students were provided with transport tickets for teaching periods but not for examination periods. This policy was not likely to change. Following Council discussion, C Ingram agreed she would telephone SAAS to ascertain whether there was any possibility of students

claiming back all or some of the additional costs. Council will be updated at the next meeting.

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2.6 Uganda Petition (Refer 13.3)

N Jennings circulated the petition to members.

2.7 International Students (Refer 13.6)

The issue has now been resolved and the restrictions amended.

2.8 Faculty Emails (Refer 13.7)

J Harrison confirmed that papers for Committees are being sent to his pigeonhole for collection by student reps. He intends to contact the Faculty for an up-to-date list of student reps. F Weber suggested he contact the Faculty secretary for assistance.

2.9 “Four Months In” Evaluation (Refer 14)

The notes were circulated to Council for information.

3 SABBATICAL OFFICERS’ REPORTS – 27 November to 13 January 2010

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

LAURA LAWS, PRESIDENT (Copy of report circulated)

3.1 Academic Regulations Sub Committee

A Cohen asked about students switching honours subject. L Laws explained that currently there is a loophole in the University Calendar regulations surrounding progression in Honours. The loophole is being addressed to ensure there are no further inconsistencies in approach by Advisors.

3.2 Student Lifecycle Project

S Dunn asked about the Student Lifecycle Project. L Laws explained that the University is in the process of developing a bespoke management system called ‘Campus Solutions’. The system should ensure all student interactions with the University as well as exam results and additional non academic activities can be linked and recorded through a personal portal.

4 MORVEN BOYD, VP (LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT) (Copy of report circulated)

4.1 Medical Faculty Meetings

S Rossi asked if someone would be able to go to the forthcoming nursing meeting as she was unable to. M Boyd advised she has forwarded the information to the Advice Centre to see if someone else can attend.

4.2 Digital Natives Survey

Council noted that the survey was conducted last year to find out to what extent students have knowledge of using the internet and mobile phones

and to see what scope there is to bring more technology into education. This was discussed at the Learning & Teaching Committee. M Boyd will forward information to J Wilson.

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4.3 Employing External Invigilators

A Cohen asked when this is likely to happen. M Boyd did not think it would be in the foreseeable future as the University cannot appoint anyone due to the current restrictions on recruitment. M Boyd will report back when she has more information.

5 JIM WILSON, VP (MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS) (Copy of report circulated)

5.1 National Student Survey

Council noted that the NSS survey started on the 18 January and runs until March. T Gore is the NSS Co-ordinator and has set up a Publicity Team. He and J Wilson thanked everyone who signed up to the Publicity Team.

6 SOPHIE HALL, VP (STUDENT SUPPORT) (Copy of report circulated)

6.1 Health, Safety & Environment Committee

S Rossi asked if the lighting along University Place would be improved. S Hall confirmed she will speak to Estates & Buildings about the area.

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6.2 Apologies

S Hall apologised for some items missing from her written report. She has been experiencing problems with her electronic diary.

6.3 Benefits Working Group

This takes place week commencing 15 February.

6.4 Carers Policy Working Group

Council noted that the first meeting of the Group has taken place.

7 CONVENORS, OFFICERS & COURT ASSESSOR'S REPORTS from November 2009

7.1 G Carre, Engineering Convenor

7.1.1 Appeals Process in the Faculty

Council noted that M Wilson and G Carre are preparing to meet with the Dean. G Carre has requested copies of any faculty policy concerning letters that are sent out, what time is allowed for appeals and how closely the Faculty follows the University calendar. He has not yet had a response.

7.1.2 DPTLA

G Carre is looking forward to taking part in this, after which he will start to think about induction presentations.

7.1.3 Staff Student Liaison Committee (SSLC)

G Carre intends to meet with Chairpersons to discuss how to encourage class reps to become more involved.

7.2 J Harrison, LBSS Convenor

7.2.1 Referral

J Harrison had received an email from an international student who needed advice. He referred the student to the Advice Centre and to the Postgraduate Convenor.

7.2.2 Facebook

J Harrison had emailed the Facebook group to remind students to collect committee papers from his pigeonhole. He will now use Facebook more often to contact students.

7.2.3 Posters

J Wilson confirmed he had received J Harrison's posters for distributing around campus.

7.3 A Cohen, Science Convenor

7.3.1 Student Reps in the Science Faculty

A Cohen met recently with M Boyd to discuss how to best liaise with student reps in her faculty. A Cohen has now arranged a 'meet and greet' for student reps on 5 February in the Williams Room. M Boyd suggested that other faculty reps might want to follow this example. M Boyd will contact other reps to discuss.

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7.3.2 Representation on FIMS

A Cohen was pleased to inform Council that she now has representation on the Faculty of Information & Mathematical Sciences Committee.

7.3.3 FBLS Grad Ball

Due to the faculty announcing they will not be organising the Graduation Ball, A Cohen has arranged an open forum discussion on Friday, 22 January and invited all class reps to take part.

7.4 D Bentley, LGBT Students' Officer

7.4.1 Improve the Relationship between the GULGBT Community & the Unions

S Dunn asked D Bentley to expand on this. He explained that the GULGBT held their first event in Deep 6 of the GUU for the first time since 2007 but it was very poorly attended. He hopes to work with the GUU President over the coming months in organising a debate.

7.4.2 Blood Donation

A Silkoff asked about the 'Buddy a Gay Blood Drive'. D Bentley explained that because gay men who have had a sexual relationship with another

man are not allowed to donate blood, this initiative's intention was to encourage gay men to bring along their 'straight' best friend to give blood on their behalf.

7.4.3 Media Week LGBT Film Screening

J Wilson referred to the lack of interest in people attending the screening. He informed Council that as part of VCS Week a range of workshops would be taking place, including information about the effective use of social networking to increasing an audience/fan base. He encouraged members to attend.

7.4.4 LGBT History Month

Council noted that D Bentley met with S Hall to confirm plans for the launch of the LGBT History Month. He hopes to have the Rainbow Flag Raising outside the back of the John McIntyre Building at 12 o'clock on Monday, 1 February, followed by a reception in the Williams Room.

7.5 Caragh Nimmo, Women's Officer

7.5.1 Personal Safety Awareness Campaign

J Wilson asked C Nimmo to pass him as much information as possible for the posters for the Advice Centre and Safety Awareness Campaign.

7.6 T Gore, Clubs & Societies Officer

There were no questions from Council for T Gore.

7.7 A Lynch, PG General Rep

There were no questions from Council for A Lynch.

8 MEDIA WEEK EXPENDITURE

J Wilson circulated a breakdown of expenses for this year's Media Week. The final cost was slightly less than last year.

9 CONSULTATION ON RESTRUCTURING PAPER

L Laws had met to discuss this with a member of staff from Corporate Communications and from the Senate Office. She informed Council that an email will be sent out to all students shortly explaining exactly what restructuring will mean to them and how any operational changes will affect their education. There will also be a section set up on the current students' website which will include the above document and 'A frequently asked questions document' so students can find in-depth information, and the answers. Once students have received the email one of the project team will attend the next Council meeting to find out how students are reacting to it and answer any further questions.

10 MOVEMBER UPDATE

S Hall reported that the two Movember groups, consisting of a Glasgow University group and an SRC group, raised £1546. The QM Union raised £416.37, giving a final total of £1,962.37. The GUU's contribution has still to be included.

11 VCS WEEK TIMETABLE

This was circulated for information. S Hall reminded Council that as representatives they are all volunteers and they should therefore relate to the aims of the week. It is a good opportunity to gain a greater understanding of what the SRC does and encouraging more people to participate. S Hall hopes Council members will be there and if not she would appreciate feedback on why they couldn't attend. She highlighted a few sessions taking place throughout the week and referred everyone to the website for further information.

12 JOHN McINTYRE BUILDING UPDATE

L Laws updated Council on the proposed plans for the refurbishment of the John McIntyre Building. Everyone will be moving out of the building at the beginning of the Easter holidays to accommodation in 65/67 Southpark Avenue, for at least two years. Once the refurbishment is complete the SRC will move back into the building with a base on the ground floor which will make the whole organisation considerably more accessible. B Hay and L Laws were in ongoing discussions with the University and will keep Council informed.

13 SRC DAY

L Laws felt that because of the move to another location it would be a great opportunity to organise an 'SRC Day' to promote the SRC and advertise the new temporary location. All members then participated in a visualization exercise which shall be used to inform plans for the day.

14 AOCB

14.1 Graduate Attributes

Council noted that the University has asked for the SRC's input into a consultation regarding Glasgow Graduates' expectations of the additional skills they would develop through their University experience. A meeting is taking place on Tuesday, 26 January in the Williams Room and L Laws invited everyone to attend. N Jennings will circulate the information.

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14.2 Haiti Disaster & DEC Appeal

Council will be organising different activities on Wednesday, 27 January to raise money to send to the relief fund. The Red Cross will be coming along too. Council noted that the QM is holding a Burns Night and Ceilidh on Monday, 25 January and all proceeds from the Ceilidh will go to the DEC Appeal. A Daly challenged members to the 10K race at Garscube in March and if he is beaten he will donate £50 to the orphans of Haiti. A Daly will send the link to the entry form to N Jennings who will circulate it to Council. It was agreed to have collection buckets at all the Volunteering, Clubs & Societies events the following week for the appeal. Members will meet on Tuesday to organise T-shirts for the collectors to wear.

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L Laws thanked everyone for attending, the meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.