

**MINUTES OF THE THIRD STATUTORY MEETING OF COUNCIL  
HELD ON THURSDAY 8 DECEMBER 2005 AT 6.30 p.m.  
IN THE WILLIAMS ROOM**

ACTION

**Present** : As per Sederunt Sheets

**Apologies** : Sonia Campbell, Matt Davies, David Ellis, Martin Hart,  
Vikki Jackson, Mairi Kellock, Craig Martin,  
Emma Parker, Nadia Sinno, Kevin Sweeney

**Resignation** : Chris Young

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**1 MINUTES OF THE SECOND STATUTORY MEETING OF COUNCIL  
24 November 2005 – Factual Corrections**

None

**2 MATTERS ARISING**

**2.1 Traffic Safety on University Avenue (Refer e.iv)**

S Tomlinson has had difficulty trying to get clarification from Glasgow City Council on their position on the matter of only implementing a “Twenty’s Plenty” zone on University Avenue if “there was a fatality”. She is hoping to hear back from the City Council very soon.

**2.2 The Rector (Refer e.v)**

S Tomlinson is organising a working group to discuss arranging future campaigns which could also involve the Rector. She will arrange a date for the group to meet.

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**2.3 Veterinary Medicine Faculty Convenor (Refer h)**

N Fair informed Council she had not heard anything more about the threatened closure of the shop. S Tomlinson had spoken to the Director of the Accommodation Service about it who had suggested a meeting be arranged between N Fair, S Tomlinson and M Davies. S Tomlinson will contact N Fair with some dates.

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Minutes adopted by Council.

**3 EXECUTIVE OFFICERS’ REPORTS  
VP ACTIVITIES & DEVELOPMENT REPORT  
(Copy of reports circulated to Council)**

**3.1 Joint Student Bodies Liaison Committee**

This meeting had taken place. The minutes to be distributed to Council.

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**3.2 Meeting with Principal**

H Spurling and S Tomlinson had met with the Principal who had seemed quite impressed with the various leaflets that have been produced this term, which they had taken along to show him. They also mentioned the

issue about John Smith Bookshop and the fact that they are now selling send hand books. They also talked about the Joint Student Bodies Liaison Committee and how all of campus is working well together this term.

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### **3.3 Refreshers Week**

H Spurling is continuing to work on this and trying to secure sponsorship.

### **3.4 Questions or Comments for VP Activities & Development**

None

## **4 VP COMMUNICATIONS REPORT (Copy of reports circulated to Council)**

### **4.1 Minibus Test**

S Morrison had sat her minibus test today but is still waiting to hear if she has passed.

### **4.2 Guardian**

S Morrison proof read the latest copy of Guardian before it went to the printers.

### **4.3 GUM Printers**

S Morrison will be meeting with the GUM Printers shortly.

### **4.4 Questions or Comments for VP Communications**

#### **4.4.1 Exec Minutes**

K Connell asked about the Exec minutes from 1 December and asked for more details of the meeting. B Hay explained that minutes cannot be circulated to Council until they have been approved by the Exec.

## **5 VP EDUCATION REPORT (Copy of reports circulated to Council)**

Matt Davies had submitted his apologies. Anyone with any questions about his report should contact him directly.

## **6 VP i/c WELFARE & EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES REPORT (Copy of reports circulated to Council)**

### **6.1 Joint Student Bodies Liaison Committee**

S Tomlinson thanked everyone who had attended. The meeting had been very productive.

### **6.2 University Education Committee**

S Tomlinson had attended this meeting and will produce a briefing on it.

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### **6.3 University Equality Committee**

Nothing productive from this meeting even though it had lasted over 2 hours.

**6.4 Crime Awareness Panel**

S Tomlinson had chaired this. The Panel are looking at provision of CCTV and a Police call point on Kelvin Way. Costs are being sought at the moment and she hopes to update Council at the next meeting.

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**6.5 Questions or Comments for VP Welfare & Equal Opportunities**

**6.5.1 NUS Referendum**

K Connell asked if discussions had taken place yet between the University Associate bodies regarding the NUS Referendum. S Tomlinson said the discussions were starting informally and the Exec is working out when the best time would be to hold the referendum. Formal negotiations should be starting soon. S Tomlinson hopes it will be sorted out before the new Exec is elected.

**7 CONVENORS, OFFICERS' & ASSESSOR'S REPORTS**

**7.1 Struan Campbell, Special Needs Officer  
(Copy of report circulated to Council)**

**7.1.1 Payphones**

The Accommodation Office has confirmed that the contract for pay phones in all Halls ended in November and as a result of the contractor not wanting to renew the contract all pay phones have been removed from Halls of Residence. The only one left will be the phone box beside the Main Gate of the University.

**7.1.2 Equality & Diversity Week**

Confirmation of this should be known shortly. S Campbell will be planning a documentary on raising awareness of accessibility problems on campus. He also hopes to plan seminars with Capability Scotland and SKILL.

**7.1.3 Questions or Comments for the Special Needs Officer**

**7.1.3.1 Payphones**

S Tomlinson informed Council that the contracts for the room phones had changed and was cheaper. A deal was also being arranged so that international students get special permission to get cheaper calls abroad. S Tomlinson agreed to produce a paper outlining the implications of the changes and how any potential issues affecting international students are going to be addressed she advised that she will obtain the definite figures from the Accommodation Office and ask them to commit to a definite time line on it.

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**7.2 Jamie McHale, Court Assessor**

The Court Assessor raised the following points that he believes may be raised at Court when it meets on Wednesday, 14 December.

**7.2.1 Freshers' Week Accommodation**

This had been discussed at the Joint Student Bodies Liaison Committee. The University is changing the dates for moving into accommodation to

after Freshers' Week, and charging a surcharge for Freshers' Week. The JSBLC are going to petition on this and a letter is being drafted.

ACTION

**7.2.2 Student Bodies Funding**

A letter had been received at the Queen Margaret Union detailing plans/ideas for block grants and development funds timings. J McHale expressed his concern that they have never received any clear guidelines for submissions and, as a result of what happened last year, it had an enormous effect on the way funds were allocated. J McHale will meet with S Tomlinson to discuss the distribution and timings so that every student body on campus gets a fair share of the block grant.

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**8 UPDATE ON PRESIDENT POSITION**

B Hay updated Council on the situation. As a result of D Guy resigning from his position as President, the Executive had met and decided to nominate S Tomlinson to be Acting President for the rest of the term of office. They also nominated Matt Davies to take over the Deputy President role. S Morrison read out a letter from M Davies expressing his interest in taking on the Deputy President role. Council approved the Executive's recommendations.

**9 FIRST SEMESTER SRC REPORT**

S Morrison informed Council that the Executive has decided to prepare a report on the SRC's achievements for first semester. She requested that Council members submit a written report by the 12 January 2006, in order for them to be collated and circulated with the 4<sup>th</sup> Statutory committee papers. S Tomlinson will e-mail everyone to remind them.

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**10 REFRESHERS' WEEK**

This takes place on the 23-27 January 2006. Anyone with any ideas for events or if anyone wants to run anything or help out they should contact H Spurling a.s.a.p.

**11 MINUTES OF THE CLUBS & SOCIETIES COMMITTEE MEETING  
30 November 2005 – Factual Corrections & Matters Arising**

None. Minutes adopted by Council.

**12 AOCB**

**12.1 SRC Christmas Party**

This takes place on Friday, 9 December at 8 p.m. in The Primary. Free food and drink. Partners welcome.

**12.2 Welfare & Equal Opportunities Committee**

This takes place on Tuesday, 13 December at 5.30 p.m. and all Welfare & Equal Opportunities Officers should attend.

**12.3 Two Open Committee**

The Women's Committee and LGBT Committee are forums for discussion and will be planning events for the next year. S Tomlinson asked Council to advertise them to the general student body and to their constituency as it

is important to get students involved.

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**12.4 Women's Committee Meeting**

This will meet at 4.30 p.m. on the 13 December in the Williams Room.

**12.5 LGBT Committee Meeting**

This will meet at 3.30 p.m. on the 12 December in the Williams Room.

**12.6 Travel Concessions Petition**

Volunteers needed to help get signatures on the petition. Anyone able to help should let S Tomlinson know.

**12.7 The Rector**

Anyone with any ideas on how they could get the Rector more involved should contact S Tomlinson.

**12.8 Evaluation Report on Executive Officer Induction Programme**

A copy of this report had been circulated to Council for information. B Hay spoke on it. He explained that this reflected the longer term goal of developing evaluation mechanisms for the diverse areas of the SRC's activities to get an overview of what works and what doesn't, He explained that this would emerge as part of the strategic planning process in which he hoped Council would be fully involved.

**12.9 Motions to Council**

The Preses reminded Council that any member wishing to open up the meeting for debate or discussion can submit written motions to the meeting.

Meeting closed at 7.10 p.m.