

**MINUTES OF THE FOURTH STATUTORY MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 19 JANUARY 2006 AT 6.30 p.m.
IN THE WILLIAMS ROOM**

ACTION

Present : As per Sederunt Sheets

Apologies : Julia Braun, Martin Hart, Shona Morrison,
Anders Roberts, Henk van Klaveren

**1 MINUTES OF THE THIRD STATUTORY MEETING OF COUNCIL
8 December 2005 – Factual Corrections**

None

2 MATTERS ARISING

2.1 The Rector (Refer 2.2)

S Tomlinson is arranging a meeting to deal with the issues of the Rector and discuss campaigning opportunities.

2.2 Threatened closure of the Vet School Shop (Refer 2.3)

S Tomlinson will be meeting with M Davies and N Fair to discuss this.

2.3 Joint Student Bodies Liaison Committee Minutes (Refer 3.1)

H Spurling will circulate these to Council on Friday 20 January.

HS

2.4 University Education Committee (Refer 6.2)

Briefing papers were circulated with Council papers.

2.5 Security on Kelvin Way (Refer 6.4)

Ongoing issue. S Tomlinson had produced a briefing paper on the traffic changes going to take place on Kelvin Way which will have physical ramifications on this road. The Police themselves are going to be changing the CCTV that is already there. S Tomlinson will be discussing this at the next meeting of the Crime Awareness Panel.

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2.6 Payphones (Refer 7.1.3.1)

A briefing paper had been circulated to Council on this subject.

2.7 First Semester SRC Report (Refer 9)

S Tomlinson thanked members who had submitted their report as requested. These will now be collated for reference. The names of Council members who had not submitted a report were read out. S Tomlinson reminded Council this is a mandatory piece of work and has to be completed. She asked that they be e-mailed to her asap.

2.8 Student Bodies Funding (Refer 7.2.2)

J McHale had met with the Secretary of Court. He advised that the deadline for submitting block grant and development fund applications has now been moved to mid April. Guidelines for submission were also

discussed and a few more meetings are likely to take place with the University to discuss this. They also spoke about more involvement in University Committees for the Executive of student bodies, not just the SRC, and more regular meetings for Executive members. This would keep the University fully aware of what all student bodies are trying to do and vice versa. As a result, the Secretary of Court suggested meeting each term.

Minutes adopted by Council.

3 EXECUTIVE OFFICERS' REPORTS

VP ACTIVITIES & DEVELOPMENT REPORT

(Copy of report circulated to Council)

3.1 Notice boards

New notice boards have now been ordered for downstairs in the John McIntyre Building.

3.2 Clubs & Societies

Training evaluation is just about complete. Minor constitutional issues flagged up before Christmas have now been tidied up and H Spurling hopes that stronger Clubs & Societies will emerge as a result of this.

3.3 Orientation Advisory Meeting

H Spurling reported that at this meeting the members were informed that the University intends to merge Orientation and Freshers' Week again. Various concerns were voiced by the student bodies but H Spurling does not believe the University are listening. Despite this, H Spurling reassured Council, Freshers' Week will be as successful as possible. S Tomlinson and J McHale are meeting with the Clerk of Senate to discuss the matter further.

3.4 Refreshers' Week

This takes place 23-27 January. A programme of events has been arranged and if anyone can help out they should contact H Spurling asap.

3.5 Questions or Comments for VP Activities & Development

3.5.1 Resigning

K Connell asked H Spurling if she was resigning from her post. H Spurling confirmed she would be leaving her position at the end of January.

4 VP COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

(No report available)

S Morrison had submitted her apologies to the meeting due to illness.

5 VP EDUCATION REPORT

(Copy of report circulated to Council)

5.1 Class Rep Training Report

M Davies has been working on this and hopes to have it finished very

soon.

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5.2 Class Rep Training

This will take place from 13-16 February in the John McIntyre Hall.

5.3 Questions or Comments for VP Education

None

**6 VP i/c WELFARE & EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES REPORT
(No report available)**

6.1 Report

S Tomlinson apologised for not producing her report. She promised to circulate it by email to Council by the end of 20th January. Anyone with any questions on the report should email them to her.

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6.2 National Student Survey

S Tomlinson has been working on this and will send out a briefing paper by end of 20th January).

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6.3 Equality & Diversity Week (One Glasgow)

This is going well and several events will be run by the SRC in conjunction with the University. A full schedule will be compiled.

6.4 Joint Student Bodies

S Tomlinson has been working with the student bodies dealing with student finance.

6.5 Questions or Comments for VP Welfare & Equal Opportunities

6.5.1 Masterpoint Phones

S Campbell pointed out that Hillhead residences student apartments do not have Masterpoint phones and asked what the Accommodation Office was doing about it. S Tomlinson informed him she is meeting with N Campbell on Friday, 20th January and would bring this up with him.

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7 CONVENORS, OFFICERS' & ASSESSOR'S REPORTS

7.1 Kat Borrowdale, Arts Convenor

7.1.1 Arts Faculty Meeting

K Borrowdale had attended this and she had agreed with them that she would compile a short report on the Class Rep System. She sent out a questionnaire and has had a few replies. She will produce a report for Council. She also hopes to meet with the Faculty heads and will include this in her report too.

KB

7.1.2 Questions or Comments for the Arts Convenor

None

7.2 Patrick McGlinchey, Charities Officer

7.2.1 Stop Child Labour Campaign

P McGlinchey asked members if they could sign up to the campaign. This will be presented to the European Parliament.

7.2.2 Questions or Comments for the Charities Officer

None

8 BRIEFING PAPERS (8)

S Tomlinson informed Council she had produced these for information and hoped members would read them. Any other briefing notes should be sent to S Tomlinson or N Jennings so they can be included with Council papers.

9 MOTION: PRO-CHOICE

S Tomlinson left the Chair, M Davies took the Chair.

The following motion proposed by The Executive Committee was submitted which read:

This SRC notes:

1. That a significant proportion of women choose to terminate pregnancies.
2. Current abortion law for Scotland, Wales and England allows abortion up until the 24th week of pregnancy on the condition that the pregnancy involves a risk to the mental or physical health of the woman or her existing children greater than the termination. The abortion must be approved by two doctors and carried out by a doctor in a government approved hospital or clinic.

This SRC believes:

1. That in all cases, a woman who finds that she is pregnant should be able to choose what is right for herself, her family and her individual situation.
2. That all support and services offered to women to help them make and enact this choice should be non-directive and respect their right to choose.
3. That all counsellors and healthcare professionals who come into contact with women making these choices should treat them with the respect and dignity they deserve, irrespective of any difference in moral or religious conviction.
4. That those women who wish to end their pregnancy should have access to legal, safe and free abortions provided by the NHS.

This SRC further believes:

1. That pro-choice is not a synonym for pro-abortion.
2. That in no circumstances should any woman ever feel that she must have an abortion.
3. That students with children should be offered support through their time at University and failing to provide sufficient support for student parents and students who become pregnant restricts their ability to choose.

This SRC therefore resolves:

1. To support a woman's right to choose.
2. To encourage tolerance and respect on campus within the boundaries of the SRC Equal Opportunities Statement.

The following amendments proposed by the ALIVE Pro-life group were submitted which read:

Under 'This SRC believes', **INSERT**

5. That women who wish to continue their pregnancy have access to information and

services of organisations providing support throughout pregnancy and after birth.

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Under 'This SRC further believes', **INSERT**

4. That a pro-choice policy does not preclude ready access of students to information and services from pro-life organisations.

Under 'This SRC therefore resolves', **INSERT**

3. That encouraging tolerance and respect do not abrogate the right of students who hold pro-life views to freedom of speech, expression and association, or their right to affiliate as a student society to the SRC.

These amendments were acceptable to the Proposer thus forming the substantive.

The following amendments to the substantive were proposed which read:

Under 'This SRC believes', 5, **insert** '*should*' before 'have access'.

Under 'This SRC therefore resolves' **remove** point 3.

These amendments were acceptable to the Proposer.

Motion now reads:

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Equal Opportunities Statement.

ACTION

No direct negative. Motion carried.

M Davies left the Chair, S Tomlinson took the Chair.

10 MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

22 June – 15 Dec 2005 – Factual Corrections & Matters Arising

None. Minutes adopted by Council.

11 MINUTES OF THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

18 October 2005 – Factual Corrections & Matters Arising

None. Minutes adopted by Council. It was also noted that this would be the last set of minutes for this Committee as it now no longer exists.

12 AOCB

12.1 Election Nominations

H Spurling reminded Council that nominations close at 4 p.m. on Friday 20 January. She asked members to encourage friends to stand for the vacant positions.

12.2 Transcripts

K Borrowdale pointed out that some Class Reps she knows were disappointed that it had not been recorded on their transcripts they had been a Class Rep. M Davies pointed out that recognition wasn't just for being a Class Rep but also if the student had taken part in the training sessions.

12.3 Course Rep Working Group

M Davies is hoping the Working Group, being set up by the Clerk of Senate, meets before the Course Rep Training begins.

12.4 Council Duty

This is something that was done in the past where each Council member signed up for a specific time when they could assist in any duties that needed to be carried out. M Davies informed Council he would like to see this reintroduced as the Executive were disappointed with the number of reports they had received from members and also the lack of support they receive generally. To try and encourage more involvement from Council members S Tomlinson will arrange to have the outside notice board at the back of the building fixed so that notices can be displayed. Notices will also be on the forum, the website and emails circulated.

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12.5 The Website

M Davies asked for feedback on the new structure and contents of the website. If there are specific areas that could be improved or if anyone would like to write something for the website they should pass it to M Davies asap. It was suggested that the 'Ask' section should be on the first page of the website.

12.6 The Executive

J McHale asked how the Executive will cope with only three members. S Tomlinson explained a lot of the VP Activities & Development's role will be devolved to the Joint Student Bodies across campus. The Clubs & Societies administration and student development will be carried out by current staff. The majority of the workload has already been done for the year. M Davies explained that next year's election has been scheduled for four Sabbatical Officers. A lot of restructuring will be going on and the Permanent Secretary will be drafting a detailed document which will be circulated to Council in due course. It was noted that new Advice Centre staff will also be doing Advice, Policy & Training.

ACTION

BH

12.7 Thanks

The Special Needs Officer wished Council to minute their thanks to H Spurling for her hard work over the year.

12.8 SRC Strategic Plan

As part of a review of the workings of the SRC which was carried out in 2004, B Hay asked for volunteers to take part in a group discussion with an outside consultant. This will take place on 14 February after 5 pm. Four members agreed to participate – Alistair Thom, Kat Borrowdale, Patrick McGlinchey and Struan Campbell. Council members will be emailed asking for more volunteers and a copy of the report will be made available. Sandwiches and refreshments will be provided.

BH/NJ

12.9 Equality & Diversity Week

As part of this week S Tomlinson asked for 4 volunteers to assist in filling envelopes and poster counting on Friday, 20 January from 10-3 p.m. Volunteers will be paid around £5 per hour.

Meeting closed at 7.20 p.m.