

**MINUTES OF THE 5<sup>th</sup> COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY 19 APRIL 2007 AT 6.30 p.m.  
IN THE WILLIAMS ROOM**

**ACTION**

**Present** : As per Sederunt Sheets

**Apologies** : Julia Braun, Veer Shah, Patrick Walsh

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S Morrison opened the meeting by expressing her disappointment that only two members of the incoming and outgoing Equal Opportunities Officers' had turned up to the meeting scheduled at 5 pm with the Equality & Diversity Director. As no one had submitted any apologies she had expected a larger turnout. It is hoped the meeting can be rescheduled after the summer.

**1 MINUTES OF THE 4<sup>th</sup> COUNCIL MEETING  
15 February 2007 – Factual Corrections**

None.

**2 MATTERS ARISING**

**2.1 Convenors, Officers & Court Assessor's Reporting Template  
(Refer 2.1)**

B Hay had circulated the template to the Sabbatical Officers for comment. He will now e-mail it to Council members.

BH

**2.2 Website & E-mail Addresses (Refer 2.2)**

It was noted that no more members of Council had submitted their photograph or a short paragraph of their role on Council to D Lamb.

**2.3 Senior Management Group (Refer 2.4)**

S Morrison has had no response from the Principal regarding membership of the Senior Management Group. She will write to him again.

SM

**2.4 PDP Working Group (Refer 2.8)**

M Wilson advised that an earlier draft version of the report had been circulated accidentally. She apologised and advised she would circulate the final version by email.

MW

**2.5 Advisers of Studies Survey (Refer 2.11)**

It was noted, due to the Spring elections, the survey had been put on hold but this will now be circulated to everyone next week.

MW

**2.6 Hoodies (Refer 7.2.1)**

J R Wightwick will investigate costs and discuss it with S Morrison.

JRW

**2.7 Faculty Reps (Refer 7.3.1)**

A Roberts had spoken to Science Faculty members who are happy to speak to reps at faculty meetings in the hope of involving them more in the decision making processes. He has conducted a full handover to his successor, S Cawley.

**2.8 International Women's Day (Refer 7.4.1)**

Council minuted their thanks to J Braun for organising this enjoyable event.

**2.9 Induction & Welcome of Postgraduates (Refer 7.5.1)**

Council noted that P Walsh hopes an event can be arranged at Freshers' Fair for non-undergraduate students.

**2.10 Print Credits (Refer 7.6.1)**

Ongoing. The Education Faculty is investigating the possibility of having a facility to buy print credits over the counter.

**2.11 Crichton (Refer 9)**

It was noted a protest had taken place outside the Court meeting room on Wednesday and S Morrison read out a statement on behalf of the CUCSA President. As a result it had led to further discussion during the meeting but nevertheless the University will still not be admitting any more students in September (with the possible exception of some Postgraduates). Council agreed the remaining students would need their support during the withdrawal period.

**2.12 Meeting Time (Refer 12.1)**

S Morrison will circulate a survey to find out if future Council meetings should be rescheduled to start at 5.30 p.m. Responses should be returned by the next Council meeting in May.

SM

**2.13 Recycling Issues (Refer 12.4)**

K Borrowdale reminded members to complete and return the questionnaire. It was noted that new paper recycling bins will be arriving on campus in about four months. M Wilson, S Campbell and G Lee will discuss 'Recycling Road Shows' for Freshers' Week.

MW/SC/GL

Minutes adopted by Council.

**3 SABBATICAL OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**SHONA MORRISON, PRESIDENT**

**(Copy circulated)**

Two further items added.

**3.1 GUST Congratulations**

S Morrison congratulated GUST on their recent success at NaSTA. They came second for Best Presenter, first for Best Ident and second overall for Best Broadcaster (highly commended).

**3.2 Text Messaging Service**

G Brown informed Council the University and QM Union are researching a company called Deaf Alerter who supply small radio receivers that are carried by the deaf or hard of hearing, which vibrates when it receives a message, displaying the information sent to them. It was also noted that S Morrison has been looking into a text messaging service for students and will keep Council updated on any developments.

**3.3 Questions or Comments for the President**

None.

**4 DAVID LAMB, VP (MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS)**

**(Copy circulated)**

Nothing further to add to report.

**4.1 Questions or Comments for VP (Media & Communications)**

None.

**5 MHAIRI WILSON, VP (LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT)**

**(Copy circulated)**

One further item added.

**5.1 Personal Development Plan**

M Wilson informed Council that her report had been well received at the Learning & Teaching Committee and could have a big influence on how the University takes the plan forward. M Wilson thanked the Working Group for their help and she will circulate a copy of her report to Council. Council noted that M Wilson and some members of staff had attended a conference on PDP earlier in the week and the University's Vice Principal (Learning & Teaching), in her presentation, had referred to the value and input of the SRC and how it had shaped the whole process.

MW

**5.2 Questions or Comments for VP (Learning & Development)**

**5.2.1 Pink Paper Readers' Choice Awards 2007**

Council minuted their congratulations to Glasgow University LGBT society for winning second place in the recent awards. The NUS LGBT was first.

**5.2.2 Personal Development Plan**

D Gallagher asked if this was going to be generic throughout the whole University. M Wilson informed him the University is rewriting the policy because they felt students were not accessing it. Council noted that while there is likely to be an overall generic framework there is going to be a degree of flexibility built in to reflect the varying requirements of faculties and departments.

J A Wightwick had been unable to attend the presentation. M Wilson informed him a presentation for the students from the Working Group will be arranged once she has heard back from the Head of the Learning & Teaching Unit.

**6 KAT BORROWDALE, VP (STUDENT SUPPORT)**

**(Copy circulated)**

One further item added.

ACTION

**6.1 AGM**

K Borrowdale had attended the Queen Margaret Union Annual General Meeting, along with M Wilson and D Lamb.

**6.2 Questions or Comments for VP (Student Support)**

**6.2.1 QMU Annual Tea Party**

G Brown informed Council this event is being organised by the Campaigns Committee. K Borrowdale will contact them and offer support.

KB

**6.2.2 Lighting Issue**

Council noted that the lights at the steps beside the Gregory Building are now repaired. S Morrison thanked K Borrowdale for pursuing this with Estates & Buildings.

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

**7.1 Howard Dickson, Part Time Students' Officer**

**7.1.1 Meetings Attended**

The following meetings had been attended by the Part Time Students' Officer – SRC Executive; Senate; Health, Safety & Environment Committee; Student Disability Provision Steering Group and a Hub proposal meeting.

**7.1.2 Staff Lower Exec Office**

H Dickson has been making himself available to liaise with members of Council and SRC staff and deal with any student enquiries.

**7.1.3 Part Time Students**

H Dickson has been arranging meetings with strategic University staff involved in administering or supporting part-time students. One meeting has already taken place.

**7.1.4 University Web Pages**

Council noted that H Dickson has been invited to contribute to the University's main web pages on part-time students, courses and applicants.

**7.1.5 Mentoring Scheme**

H Dickson hopes to rejuvenate the planned Mentoring Scheme for part time students in time for the next academic year.

**7.1.6 FW Booklet for Part Time Students**

Plans are in place to produce a small booklet aimed at Freshers' part time students informing them of what services and facilities are open to them,

both at the SRC and the University, and what sources of potential financial support that might be available.

**ACTION**

### **7.1.7 Social Event**

It is hoped a part time students' informal social event can be planned for Freshers' Week. This would allow them the opportunity to meet each other, the SRC and University strategic staff.

### **7.1.8 Matriculation Cards**

H Dickson has taken up with Registry, the issue of photographs on matriculation cards for credit bearing CHE students.

### **7.1.9 Union Membership**

H Dickson has received a formal request from the coordinator of DACE that the SRC assist in approaching the Board of the QMU and the Board of the GUU with a view to granting Access students temporary membership of the Unions. Currently Access students have to use facilities off campus. H Dickson asked Council for consent to approach the Union Presidents and boards of both Unions with a view to granting them temporary access to the Unions.

G Brown will raise this issue at the next meeting of the QM Board and invited H Dickson to attend.

**GB**

Council noted that KAPLAN students will likely get access to the library and both Unions have responded saying they will get associate status. B Hay will look into the position regarding the library and pass on any relevant information. S Morrison will assist H Dickson approach other Committees.

**BH/SM/HD**

S Morrison will also find out if summer school students get access to the library.

**SM**

## **7.2 Chris Hall, General Representative**

### **7.2.1 Senate Disciplinary Panel**

C Hall having been on the Senate Disciplinary Panel this year stressed to Council just how valuable it is to have an SRC rep on it. He felt that his experience of student halls helped the case he was involved with because the University seems to be unaware of what student life is really like in halls. Council noted that the Senate Office is very good at directing students to the Advice Centre for help.

## **7.3 Anders Roberts, Science Faculty Convenor/Court Assessor**

### **7.3.1 Science Convenor Handover**

A Roberts has handed over all relevant paperwork to his successor S Cawley.

### **7.3.2 Visitor Centre/John McIntyre Building**

Council noted that, at the Court meeting, S Morrison had expressed the

SRC's concerns regarding the plan to move the Visitor Centre into the John McIntyre Building and the fact it didn't really appear to have been thought through.

**ACTION**

### **7.3.3 Key Performance Indicators**

A report on this was presented at Court.

### **7.3.4 Gender Equality Meeting**

A Roberts suggested that if anyone has an interest on the University improving its stance on gender equality they should speak to K Borrowdale.

### **7.3.5 Handover**

S Morrison suggested that members who have a successor should now be thinking about a handover. S Morrison will follow this up over the next month or so.

**SM**

## **7.4 Jennifer Wightwick, Mature Students' Officer**

### **7.4.1 Museums Committee**

J R Wightwick attended this Committee and even though there was nothing particularly relevant to the SRC she found it an interesting meeting. The next one will take place at the end of June.

S Campbell asked if the lift to the Hunter Halls had been discussed as, due to building work there is no power to it. This had not been discussed. It was agreed that if the lift is not working by the date of the next meeting J R Wightwick will bring it up then.

### **7.4.2 Mature Students' President**

J R Wightwick met with the new Mature Students' President who seems quite positive about encouraging more members to join, improving their website and producing an information booklet for Freshers'.

## **8 COUNCIL PAPERS**

Council agreed future papers should be sent electronically and also a copy put in pigeonholes. Anyone who wishes papers printed on coloured paper or on a larger font should let N Jennings know asap.

## **9 ELECTION MANIFESTO**

The leaflet has been printed and S Morrison asked for assistance distributing them in departments. A copy was sent out to all the election candidates in the area and she received a response from the Kelvin candidate which she will put on the forum. Council agreed local hustings should be advertised on the website giving students as many opportunities as possible to attend them.

**SM**

## **10 CHESS**

A recent meeting had taken place in the SRC and S Morrison reported that the group had agreed that CHESS needs to be properly developed again.

S Morrison also pointed out that CHESS is the forum to take forward any national campaigns.

**ACTION**

### **11 HMOs**

K Borrowdale informed Council that Glasgow City Council is producing a city plan which will explain their policy on how they are going to rate HMOs in residential areas and other developments all over Glasgow. There will be eight weeks from mid May to respond to it. Anyone with any particular interests in HMOs, particularly residential issues or student accommodation in the west end, should speak to K Borrowdale. G Brown offered to find out more information from Hillhead Community Council.

**GB**

### **12 ANNUAL REPORT**

S Morrison reported that at the recent Executive meeting the idea of producing an Annual Report was discussed and the Executive had agreed it would be a great opportunity to celebrate successes and record what achievements had been reached. The Sabbatical Officers will take this forward and would appreciate any ideas of what should be included.

**SABBS**

### **13 FRESHERS' WEEK REPORT 2006**

A copy of this had been circulated for information. Council noted that the review was the result of a survey carried out in November where over 500 responses had been received, compared to 30 responses in previous years. 2,700 passes were also sold. A number of key recommendations had been made but students were fairly happy with the balance of Freshers' Week. It is also hoped to extend Freshers' Fair to three days.

### **14 MINUTES OF THE FULL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 22 February 2007 – Factual Corrections and Matters Arising**

None

### **15 MOTION 1**

The following motion proposed by K Borrowdale and seconded by S Morrison was submitted which read:

The SRC notes:

- The Sustainability Group has been responsible for many positive changes to the University's recycling practices
- Paper recycling will become mandatory in all University Departments from October 2007 as a direct result of SRC influence
- Around 40 more blue bins for recycling will be introduced to campus, making it possible to facilitate paper recycling

The SRC believes:

- Good recycling practices ensure the SRC is ethically responsible in managing waste
- The SRC and Student Media generally have good recycling habits, but a specific policy will ensure these are continued and reviewed in future years

This SRC resolves:

To implement the following policy:

## Recycling Policy

The SRC, and all SRC departments housed within the John McIntyre building, including Student Media, will whenever possible:

- Recycle all waste paper
- Recycle drinks cans, plastic bottles and glass
- Minimise waste wherever possible, such as only printing documents/emails if you have to and prioritising electronic formats
- When cleaning up after events or elections, publicity material will be recycled whenever possible
- Responsibility to communicate and implement the policy with anyone who will be regularly creating/disposing waste in SRC

K Borrowdale spoke on the motion. No direct negative. Motion passed.

**16 MOTION 2**

The following motion proposed by S Ramsay and seconded by D MacKenzie was submitted which read:

**Motion on Ethical Investment**

This SRC notes:

1. That a student's Ethical Investment Campaign Group has been established to persuade the University to adopt a *rigorous* and *transparent* ethical investment policy which *involves students* in its formation and oversight;
2. That the Campaign Group has the support of the Amnesty International, People & Planet and Young Green societies and of the SRC Sustainability Group;
3. That a 2005 snapshot of investments in the University's portfolios, released under Freedom of Information law in 2006, revealed that the funds contained holdings in various firms criticised for unethical behaviour including Nestlé, BAE Systems, Anglo American and GlaxoSmithKline;
4. That other respected Universities, including Edinburgh and St. Andrews, have established rigorous ethical investment policies which satisfy the criteria referred to above.

This SRC believes:

1. That ethical investment is viable and profitable;
2. That the University should not put profit before ethics and social and environmental responsibility;
3. That the University should adopt a policy on ethical investment which meets or exceeds respectable and credible standards of ethics and which is transparent and includes student involvement.

This SRC resolves:

1. To support the aims of the Ethical Investment Campaign Group;
2. That SRC representatives shall represent the aims of this campaign at all relevant meetings and in particular meetings of the University's Finance Committee;
3. To engage with the student body, by whatever means are deemed appropriate, to ensure that their views are accurately reflected;
4. To ensure that its own financial holdings and practices are in keeping with this resolution.



S Ramsay spoke on the motion. H Dickson asked if by passing 'This SRC resolves, point 2' would it mean that any policy passed by the Ethical Investment Campaign Group would bypass anything that Council would decide. H Dickson asked for clarification as to whether or not if Council passed the policy as it stands it would override the general rule of Council. D MacKenzie agreed that perhaps the wording was unclear. An open period followed.

The first amendment proposed by H Dickson and seconded by C Hall was submitted which read:

Under 'This SRC resolves' remove point 1, replace with:

This SRC resolves:

1. To support the aims of Ethical Investment.

This amendment was acceptable to the Proposer.

The second amendment proposed by K Borrowdale and seconded by G Lee was submitted which read:

Under 'This SRC resolves', point 2, first sentence remove the word 'campaign' and replace with:

2. That SRC representatives shall represent the aims of this motion at all relevant meetings and in particular meetings of the University's Finance Committee

The third amendment proposed by A Roberts and seconded by D Lamb was submitted which read:

Delete all of 'This SRC resolves', and replace with the following:

This SRC resolves:

1. To promote ethical investment at the University of Glasgow;
2. The SRC representatives shall promote ethical investment on all relevant committees, in particular the University Finance Committee;
3. The SRC will actively campaign for an end to unethical investment at the University of Glasgow;
4. The SRC shall engage on ongoing dialogue with its membership on this issue.

This was acceptable to the Proposer.

No further amendments. No direct negative. Motion passed. Motion now reads:

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1. That a student's Ethical Investment Campaign Group has been established to persuade the University to adopt a *rigorous* and *transparent* ethical investment policy which *involves students* in its formation and oversight;
2. That the Campaign Group has the support of the Amnesty International, People & Planet and Young Green societies and of the SRC Sustainability Group;

3. That a 2005 snapshot of investments in the University's portfolios, released under Freedom of Information law in 2006, revealed that the funds contained holdings in various firms criticised for unethical behaviour including Nestlé, BAE Systems, Anglo American and GlaxoSmithKline;
4. That other respected Universities, including Edinburgh and St. Andrews, have established rigorous ethical investment policies which satisfy the criteria referred to above.

**ACTION**

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This SRC resolves:

1. To promote ethical investment at the University of Glasgow;
2. The SRC representatives shall promote ethical investment on all relevant committees, in particular the University Finance Committee;
3. The SRC will actively campaign for an end to unethical investment at the University of Glasgow;
4. The SRC shall engage on ongoing dialogue with its membership on this issue.

## **17 AOCB**

### **17.1 Constitution Bye Laws & Policy Committee**

G Brown informed Council that the QM Union had formed this Committee so any group could propose motions and the Committee could make any amendments prior to being submitted. He suggested that the same Committee be introduced in the SRC. S Morrison informed him the SRC had a Constitution & Procedures Committee previously but the Committee had been removed for various reasons. D Lamb suggested that if any member is submitting a motion and is unsure about the wording they should speak to one of the Sabbatical Officers. S Campbell proposed including this in future training and with Clubs & Societies.

### **17.2 Rectorial Election**

The election for a new Rector will take place in February 2008 and the SRC will be involved in the nomination process. Council noted that a Charter and Handbook is currently being written by the Rectors' & Presidents Group and all candidates will have to sign up for it so they know what is involved in the role.

### **17.3 Buffet**

S Morrison had organised a buffet in Bar Bola for everyone after the meeting.

### **17.4 Last Meeting**

As it was D Lamb and M Wilson's last Council meeting in their current position S Morrison thanked them for their contribution and work on Council.

**ACTION**

**17.5 Council Dinner**

This takes place on Friday, 1 June. Venue to be confirmed. G Brown extended an invitation to everyone to attend the QM Union later that evening. Arrangements will be made to have the Council photograph taken on the same night.

The meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.