

**MINUTES OF THE FIFTH STATUTORY MEETING OF COUNCIL  
HELD ON THURSDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2005 AT 6.30 p.m.  
IN THE WILLIAMS ROOM**

ACTION

**Present** : As per Sederunt Sheets

**Apologies** : Bryan Roberts

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The Preses called for standing orders to be suspended for the duration of the meeting. R McLaggan pointed out that it was customary to suspend standing orders as and when required over specific items. Standing orders remained.

**1 MINUTES OF THE FOURTH STATUTORY MEETING OF COUNCIL  
20 January 2005 – Factual Corrections**

**1.1 Faculty Meeting (Refer 8.2.3)**

D MacKenzie had not met the new Dean but will do shortly.

**1.2 Basketball Festival (Refer 8.5.1)**

Some Council members had volunteered to take part in the competition in February.

**1.3 Guardian Website (Refer 2.1)**

M Deutsch pointed out he had not set up 'Student Underground'. W Lord apologised for misinforming Council.

**2 MATTERS ARISING**

**2.1 Williams Room Booking (Refer 4.6.1)**

A Forsyth had followed this up. No one is allowed to make block bookings for the Williams Room.

**2.2 Academic Shape Initiative (Refer 6.2.2)**

J Anderson had not been asked for a copy of this document.

**2.3 Qmunicate (Refer 6.8.1)**

W Lord had spoken to A Warner about being misquoted in an article. J Anderson has still to write a letter to Qmunicate.

JA

**2.4 Student Safety on Campus (Refer 7.4)**

D Guy will organise a petition about this very soon. He has been busy dealing with Glasgow Student Festival.

DG

**2.5 Welfare & Equal Opportunities Committee (Refer 7.7.2)**

The inactivity of the Charities Officer had been raised at this meeting. D Guy had spoken to him about it and he was happy to note he was present at the meeting this evening.

**2.6 Motion to amend the regulations of Council Elections (Refer 9)**

W Lord confirmed the regulation changes were put on the website.

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**2.7 Elections (Refer 14.2)**

W Lord had arranged some fliers and posters for the by-election.

Minutes adopted by Council.

**3 REPORTS OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS, CONVENORS & OFFICERS**

J Anderson raised a point of order and asked Council to enforce the Constitution and allow members, who had stood in the by-election and had been nominated unopposed, to take part in this evening's proceedings.

J A Murray explained the situation to Council. The Returning Officer had ruled that the Constitution supersedes any notice that is displayed therefore there is no further regress within the University. The Secretary of Court had also agreed with this decision. The Returning Officer had ruled that as the election takes place on 8 February all members would take up their position from that date. J A Murray informed Council they could not overturn this decision and if they did so any decisions made in the context of this Council would be invalid.

J Anderson read out Clauses in the Constitution which referred to the duty of the Returning Officer and the position of candidates nominated unopposed. He also referred to a 'fraudulent' notice, the second notice, which, as instructed by the Returning Officer, had been displayed, and amendments made.

J A Murray pointed out that it made no sense to appoint a Returning Officer if Council overrules his decision and it was not within the power of Council to do so.

Discussion followed.

D MacKenzie ruled that Council should be suspended until legal advice was sought.

J A Murray challenged the ruling and asked D MacKenzie to vacate the Chair.

D MacKenzie left the Chair, A MacDonald, as longest serving Council member, took the Chair.

D MacKenzie spoke on the matter. He asked Council to support his decision to suspend the meeting.

J A Murray spoke on the matter. He asked Council to reject suspending the meeting.

A vote was taken. 14 voted in favour, 10 voted against. As the challenge has to be upheld by a  $\frac{2}{3}$ rds majority the meeting was suspended at 7.00 p.m.

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