

**MINUTES OF THE SIXTH STATUTORY MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 5 MAY 2005 AT 6.30 p.m.
IN THE WILLIAMS ROOM**

ACTION

Present : As per Sederunt Sheets

Apologies : Hany Al Wardi, Richard Anderson, Christopher Budas, Sonia Campbell, Alice Flatman, David Harris, Colin Johnston, Will Lord, Claire McGarrity, Shona Morrison, Jennifer Stott, Nicole Svinos, Sarah Tomlinson

In the absence of the Preses, D MacKenzie, D Guy chaired the meeting.

1 AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

Due to an emergency motion being submitted D Guy proposed this be discussed after item c). Council agreed.

**2 MINUTES OF THE FIFTH STATUTORY MEETING OF COUNCIL
3 February 2005 – Factual Corrections**

2.1 Student Safety on Campus (Refer 2.4)

D Guy had stated he would be working on this. He did not say he would be organising a petition.

3 MATTERS ARISING

3.1 Qmunicate (Refer 2.3)

J Anderson informed Council a correction had been printed in Qmunicate.

3.2 Student Safety on Campus (Refer 2.4)

D Guy had met with a representative from Glasgow City Council to discuss safety on University Avenue. Glasgow City Council is planning to redesign the end of University Avenue, opposite the GUU, and have promised to contact D Guy within 6-8 months.

Minutes adopted by Council.

4 EXECUTIVE OFFICERS' REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Copy of report circulated to Council)

4.1 Code of Discipline Lobbying

J A Murray had received a response to this and is meeting with Senate Office staff to discuss it.

4.2 Questions or Comments for the President

None

**5 VP ACTIVITIES & DEVELOPMENT REPORT
(Copy of report circulated to Council)**

5.1 Welcome

A Forsyth welcomed recently elected members to their first meeting of Council. He suggested that if any of them had any interests in his areas of work, from Clubs & Societies to Freshers' Week etc. they should call into his office for a chat.

5.2 Questions or Comments for VP Activities & Development

None

6 VP COMMUNICATIONS REPORT**(Copy of report circulated to Council)**

W Lord had submitted his apologies. Anyone with any questions about his report should contact him directly.

7 VP EDUCATION REPORT**7.1 Update on Representation Services**

Council noted that since the last meeting the Representative Services Co-ordinator had left the SRC and N Svinos has taken on the position on a temporary basis. J Anderson informed Council that plans to develop and integrate the Welfare & Advice Centre and Representation Services are being considered.

7.2 Aldwych Group

J Anderson and D Guy had attended a meeting of this Group on Friday, 29 April at Newcastle University. He feels the Group are very English and NUS focussed and informed Council the Group had had a long discussion mainly talking about NUS. While J Anderson thinks it is important to stay involved with the Group he feels that next year the Agenda and location of the meeting should be looked at before sending two representatives to attend.

7.3 National Postgraduate Committee

The next Scotland meeting takes place on Saturday 14 May. The annual conference and AGM will be held in August at Strathclyde University. Glasgow University SRC is one of their sponsors and will be supplying mini buses and drivers for their day out.

7.4 CHESS

J Anderson referred to the recent article in the Herald regarding the fact that NUS are going to be statutory consultees and CHESS are not going to be automatically consulted. He believes that Edinburgh are moving away from CHESS and thinks this should be looked at again and monitored closely.

7.5 Essay Marking

It was noted that the University is moving away from the 20-point scale for marking essays or exams and going to the 22-point scale. The reason for this is that it moves away from the old system where a % mark was given and it also rewards people who get As.

7.6 Merged Faculties of LAFS & Social Sciences

This will now be called The Faculty of Law, Business & Social Sciences.

7.7 Class Rep Training Report

This was presented and warmly received by the Student Support Development Committee. A Working Group has now been established between the SRC and University staff to look into these issues.

7.8 Questions or Comments for VP Education

None

8 VP i/c WELFARE & EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES REPORT

(Copy of report circulated to Council)

D Guy had nothing further to add to his report.

8.1 Questions or Comments for VP Welfare & Equal Opportunities

None

9 CONVENORS, OFFICERS' & ASSESSOR'S REPORTS

9.1 Anders Roberts, International Students' Officer

9.1.1 International Student Visa Fees Campaign

This had been the main focus this year for A Roberts. He went to London in March along with J Anderson and D Guy and the Aldwych Group to lobby MPs to sign 'early day Motion 281', which proposes that international students remain exempt from the new visa charges. They spoke to a number of MPs and convinced them to sign the motion. He hopes the motion will come to parliament very soon.

9.1.2 International Week

This was a week of international diversity organised by A Roberts and S Tomlinson and they both agreed it was a nice starting point. It was very much social event based and he would like this to continue next year by whoever takes over the role as International Students' Officer. A Roberts intends to put this into their official remit as well.

9.1.3 Position on Council

Council agreed A Roberts should remain as Acting International Students' Officer until Council elections in October, even though he takes on the role of Science Convenor as of July 1st.

10 EMERGENCY MOTION

The following motion proposed by Niall Rowantree and seconded by A Forsyth was submitted which read:

This SRC notes:

1. That the University has cut the block grant to both the Unions by 50%.
2. That these cuts threaten the provision of services to Glasgow University students and the very existence of the Unions themselves.

3. That it is in the interests of Glasgow University students that these services remain.

ACTION

This SRC:

1. Believes that both Unions contribute to the student experience.
2. Condemns the decision of court to cut the Block Grant allocations to both Unions.

This SRC resolves:

1. Campaign to restore the Unions block grant.
2. To write a letter to the Secretary of Court to that affect.

N Rowantree spoke on the motion. No amendments were submitted. A MacDonald felt the motion was too vague and proposed that the motion lie on the table until the next meeting until figures were obtained. Council rejected this proposal.

A MacDonald proposed a direct negative. An open period followed.

J Anderson spoke in favour of the motion. It was noted that he was also Honorary Secretary of the Glasgow University Union.

A MacDonald summed up. N Rowantree summed up.

A vote was taken. The result was indicative. Motion carried.

11 Appointment of Graduate Members of Operations Committee

Council approved the appointment of the following graduate members to the Operations Committee:

Gavin Muir, past SRC President 1994/95
Catherine Dyer, past VP University Affairs 1984/85

12 MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

28 January 2005 to 17 March 2005 - Factual Corrections and Matters Arising

12.1 Student Festival Publicity (Refer 165.3)

D Guy explained he and W Lord had produced some general publicity and the QM had put out their own version of it.

Minutes adopted by Council.

13 MINUTES OF THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

14 December 2004, 25 January and 22 February 2005 – Factual Corrections and Matters Arising

None. Minutes adopted by Council.

14 MINUTES OF THE CLUBS & SOCIETIES COMMITTEE MEETING

10 February 2005 – Factual Corrections and Matters Arising

14.1 List of Clubs & Societies

A Roberts asked about this. A Forsyth explained they were the affiliations that had come to that particular meeting and this was a list of the clubs and societies that, in between the last meeting of the Committee and the meeting of 10 February, had handed in affiliation forms. A list of affiliated Clubs & Societies is available from D Calway in the SRC General Office.

Minutes adopted by Council.

**15 REPORT OF THE SRC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
9 February 2005 – Factual Corrections and Matters Arising**

A Forsyth informed Council this was a new Committee that was introduced because it was felt that the development side of the VP Activities & Development post did not have a Council Committee that was concerned with it, unlike the other Sabbatical roles. A Forsyth would welcome anyone's input into how they think the SRC should be 'developing' development.

16 AOCB**16.1 Constitutional Review**

J A Murray informed Council a lawyer was looking at the Constitution and a meeting would be taking place on Friday, 13 May with members of the Operations Committee to discuss it.

Standing orders were dropped to allow the Permanent Secretary, Bob Hay to speak.

B Hay stated that he had asked the lawyer to look at the basics of the Constitution. He doesn't anticipate a new proposed Constitution coming to Council until the next session but the whole idea is to make it more user-friendly, modernise some of the terminology and identify what should be in the Bye-Laws and what should be in the Constitution. B Hay confirmed Council would be kept fully informed and consulted with as to the potential final Constitution.

Standing orders were reinstated.

16.2 French Exams

A student had informed A Forsyth that the date of a French exam had been very late in being announced. J A Murray had also received complaints about late announcements of Arts Faculty exams. A Forsyth suggested an Arts rep follow up these complaints and investigate. It was also commented that the Vet Med Faculty were late in publicising exam dates. J A Murray suggested that A MacDonald pass on these complaints to the Vet Med Convenor.

16.3 Elections

D Guy reminded everyone to vote in the General Election.

Meeting closed at 7.20 p.m.