

**MINUTES OF THE FIRST FULL COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY 20 OCTOBER AT 6.30 p.m.  
IN THE WILLIAMS ROOM.**

- Present** : As per sederunt sheets
- Apologies** : C. Sibbald (GUU), D. Walker, J. Meaden, C. Forster,  
A. Cameron, L. Howes (GUSA), T. Gore (Past Pres.),  
K. Hill (QMU)
- Attending** : Erin Russell (Advice Centre) Prof. Frank Coton, (VP Learning and  
Teaching)
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**A: Items for Discussion**

**1. Welcome**

**1.2: Introduction**

Members of the newly formed Full Council introduced themselves and supplied personal contact information.

**1.3: Sederunt and Apologies**

**2. Minutes from the meeting held in June (paper 1)**

S. Ritchie noted that papers for Council meetings would only be printed for members who request them in advance.

I. Smith proposed and F. Weber seconded. The minutes were noted and approved.

**3. Introduction to Council**

**3.1: Council Procedure**

S. Ritchie explained the format for the remainder of the year, and the background to the restructuring of the GUSRC Council. He stressed that the restructuring was a trial, and would be assessed at the end of the year. He also urged members to note any areas which they believe could be improved. S. Ritchie explained that Full Council would meet twice per year, and that Council Committee would mirror the format of the old Council, and meet, roughly, on a monthly basis throughout the academic term. Council Committee would consider the day-to-day running of GUSRC, while Full Council would be more strategic in outlook, for example, considering the Strategic Plan.

**3.1.2.** S. Ritchie also noted that the style for the Agenda had been modified this year, to form three parts: Discussion Items, Items for Formal Approval and Items for Information.

### **3.2: Reports/Accountability**

S. Ritchie explained that all members were expected to return reports to the Council for noting. School Representatives are expected to return reports for Full Council meetings. All other officers are expected to return monthly reports. Deadline reminders will be sent out in advance of a meeting. Reports should only refer to substantive efforts in relation to a particular remit, and should not consider minutiae; informal chats, coffee meetings etc., unless considered of interest to Council. Reports will be submitted for information and only taken for items of discussion if highlighted in advance of, or at the start of, a meeting. This was designed to cut down on the time spent discussing reports which had been submitted in advance of a meeting.

#### **3.2.1: Conflict of Interest Policy**

B. Hay explained that a Conflict of Interest Policy would be circulated to Council members, complimented by a form to be signed. This was to ensure that, as trustees of the organisation, there was nothing that would exclude members from taking a seat on various committees or boards, or exclude contributions from discussions.

### **3.3: Emails and Media (Iain Smith)**

I. Smith explained that Council email addresses should be fully operational within a few days of the meeting. He emphasised that members should use official email addresses when conducting official Council business. He also requested that Council members refer any media enquiries to him, as VP for Media and Communications. He also requested that Council members consult with him on any media campaigns that they wish to become involved in.

## **4. Committee Elections (paper 2)**

S. Ritchie noted the paper which had been circulated to Council prior to the meeting. Candidates were invited to nominate themselves or others for election to University committees. The results were as follows:

**Health, Safety and the Environment,** Ellen Docherty

**Religion, Belief and Equality Group,** Lucky Dhillon

**Library,** Tom Tiballi

**Museum and Gallery,** Laura Stockwell

**Academic Dress,** Joseph Meaden

**Student Support and Development,** Drew McCusker

**Deans of Graduate Studies (DOGS),** Catherine Shi

**Learning and Teaching**, Flo Weber, Stuart Tuckwood, Donald Mackay  
**Military Education**, Donald Mackay  
**Senate**, Drew McCusker, Jani Helle, Caitlin Rushby, Kenneth Law  
**Senate Discipline**, Alan Daly, Amy Dreszler, Julia Fyfe  
**Court Assessor**, Kenneth Law

## **5. MyCampus Review Group (Professor F. Coton)**

Prof Coton explained that a review group had been set up to review the problems which had arisen with the MyCampus system this year, in order to devise solutions to identified problems and avoid problems for future enrolments. Prof Coton explained that direct input from the student community was needed to help do this. He explained that this would be achieved by conversing with the SRC Council as a group, and that an email would be forwarded to the general student body on Friday 21 October to ask for input into this process. A special email inbox had been created to facilitate this. He emphasised that University of Glasgow was committed to the student experience and would ensure through this review group that a system was implemented that was fit for purpose. S. Ritchie explained that Council would be split into four groups to consider responses for the working group.

Group chairs summarised their findings and agreed to forward to the review group.

**5.1.** Prof Coton explained the background to the problems with the project and acknowledged that correcting the system was a large task, but would be accomplished. He noted that it may be necessary to return to the Council in future to discuss developments. He also noted that when the project was implemented correctly, it would mark a huge improvement in functionality for students at the University.

## **6. President, Stuart Ritchie**

### **6.1: Open Meeting with the Principal**

S. Ritchie noted that the Principal would take part in an open meeting with students on 28 November, 12pm-2pm, in the Bute Hall. **He also expressed his wish to see as many Council members there as possible.** The format would be that of a 'Question Time' debate, with pre-submitted questions selected by GUSRC. The panel will be chaired by the SRC President, and the Principal will be joined by VP Professor Andrea Nolan and VP Professor Frank Coton. A. Daly noted that the last open meeting of this kind was very poorly attended by GU students and stressed that details needed to be circulated to students. S. Ritchie again urged all Council members to attend.

Council

## **6.2: Senate Meeting (paper attached)**

Noted

## **6.3: Court Meeting**

S. Ritchie noted that the University Court had considered two main pieces of business in the last few months: its submission to the Review of higher Educational Governance (paper 8, attached) and RUK fees. S. Ritchie noted that student members were highly valued by the University, yet there was a potential conflict of interest between the roles of the student leaders and the Rector. S. Ritchie clarified by saying that there was some difficulty in identifying, at times, if the Rector's office existed to represent the students to Court, or the Court to the students. He requested that if any Council members wish to discuss this, they should meet with him.

### **6.3.1.**

S. Ritchie noted that the decision on RUK fees was taken by a working group of which he was a member. Charges varied from £36,000 (which he noted was never seriously considered, but had to go in because Edinburgh and St Andrews had made that decision) to lower amounts. Discussions centred on a charge of £26K to £27K and how that was to be divided between three years or four years. S. Ritchie noted that he had been clear on his own position, that he recognised that the University has tried to be different, but that it had to meet its commitments to widen access and participation. S. Ritchie noted that the GUSRC press statement and the consultation paper to the Scottish Government had been drafted by J. Harrison with support from the GUSRC Advice Centre; both were attached for information.

S. Ritchie noted that he intended to circulate short briefing papers for Council with regards to such issues before future meetings of Court.

President

## **7. VP Learning and Teaching, James Harrison**

### **7.1: Freshers' Week Report (circulated)**

J. Harrison reported on Freshers' Week 2011 which he believed had been a success despite the terrible weather. He suggested that Council members contact him with any questions, should there be any. S. Ritchie thanked J. Harrison and T. Gore for their work during Freshers' Week.

### **7.2: Mahara Volunteers (paper circulated)**

J. Harrison explained the background to a Graduate Attributes programme utilising the Mahara e-portfolio system. The programme sought to recruit three undergraduate students from each college to take part in a paid project. A sheet was circulated for interested Council members to sign. J. Harrison would later confirm the participants.

## **8. VP Student Support, Amy Johnson**

### **8.1: Safety Session (paper circulated)**

Noted – S. Ritchie thanked A. Johnson for her contribution to a widely successful range of safety session, but also for her work on demonstration day during Freshers' Week.

### **8.2: Health Week**

A. Johnson noted that Health Week would take place on the week beginning 14 November. A report would follow at Council Committee. S. Ritchie emphasised the importance of Council taking part in Health Week when possible.

## **9. VP Media and Communications, Iain Smith**

### **9.1: Publicity Report – Freshers' Week (circulated)**

Noted

### **9.2: Publicity Team**

S. Ritchie explained that the publicity team assisted the VP Media and Communications in publicizing events throughout the year. Any Council members who wished to join the publicity team should contact I. Smith.

## **10. Postgraduate Social Space**

S. Ritchie noted that plans for a PG Social space were still to be finalised. **A floor plan would be submitted for Council Committee.** PG Convenors would be requested to help run consultation with students on the wider use of the space.

President

## **11. AOCB**

**A. Johnson** requested volunteers to sell poppies during Remembrance Week. Anybody interested should contact A. Johnson.

**D. McCusker** raised the 'It Gets Better' anti-bullying campaign Youtube project, taking place on Monday 24 October, 5pm - 8:30pm, John McIntyre Building. More information was available on the SRC Facebook group.

**J. Harrison** explained that he was organising a working group for the Student s Student Teaching Awards. Anybody wishing to get involved should contact him. S. Ritchie suggested that the working group should be comprised of academic members of Council.

**Y. Yousafzai** raised concern over the status of the International Society, after the recent story in Glasgow University Guardian. A. Johnson explained that the International Society had had GUSRC affiliation withheld after

allegations surrounding the society finances had been raised in the Guardian. A meeting would be arranged in the following weeks to discuss this matter with the International Society. A. Johnson would keep Council informed of any developments.

**S. Ritchie** explained that the recent autumn elections had broken previous records. He expressed his thanks to the executive for their help in publicising the elections.

#### **B: Items for Approval**

No items for formal approval

#### **C: For Information**

The next meeting of Full Council will take place at 1830 on 26 January.

The next meeting of Council Committee will take place at 1830 on 17 November.

**The meeting concluded at 9pm**

Name: James Harrison	Position: VP Learning and Development	Date: 15/11/11
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### GUSRC – Council/Exec Members’ Report Back Form

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Meetings Attended	Date	Decisions made and Implications for SRC	Future considerations/action required.
EdPSC	26-10-11	A lot of reporting from other committees, however there was an overview of NSS results, and I felt that the uni may have been trying to make excuses for the poor feedback results	Continue to emphasise that feedback is an important issue that should be improved upon, even if all other universities are in the same position
Council committee	27-10-11	First of the year. Great to see everyone again	Make it clear full council can come if they want to
Carbon management committee	2-11-11	Me and Ellen attended this. Plans for carbon management brought up, with new working groups created, with SRC participation. Also highlighted areas where students can be involved	
HEAR	2-11-11	Helen, Bob, Fiona and I went over the Higher Education Achievement Record plans, and how the SRC will be involved.	I'm really excited for this, could mean a lot more things will be added to our transcripts, and a greater recognition over our general time at university
SALT meeting	3-11-11	Went over actions from previous meeting. Issues from sabbs and advice centre were discussed.	Several actions for me and Amy that we have acted upon, including the debt policy, PG desk allocation and late submission policy
Student Teaching Awards working group	3-11-11	We met to go over the awards scheme and decided on the categories	Get publicity designed and distributed
SSDC	4-11-11	We managed to get the university to pilot a scheme helping PGR part-time students for council tax exemption	Check to see this happens, and notify students
Met principal	7-11-11	Went over the SMG agenda, also discussed plans for the rest of the year	Nothing hugely worth noting at the time. Was good to chat and come up to speed on things
Arts reps meeting	7-11-11	Met with most of the Arts SRC reps to discuss their work and plans for the year	Was great to see so much enthusiasm! I know another meeting has been planned, so keep up the good work!
Meeting with Eddy Graham	7-11-11	Eddy is helping us compile a business plan for the PG social space. We met to go over the plans for the space and what we're looking for	Keep in touch with Eddy
Met David Newall	8-11-11	Met to discuss plans for moving forward with the SRC and for the rest of the year. Amy will now sit on Court and several other court committees	
Social sciences reps meeting	8-11-11	Met with most of the SRC soc sci reps. Again discussed plans for the year	Keep in touch
Working group on provision of support for	8-11-11	Working group to look at how the library can improve the provision of learning materials needed for courses. I gave input on provision of	Demonstration of a software programme to be shown next month. Group to meet again soon

taught courses		books, links to journals and also a need for explanation on referencing for non-traditional sources	
Science and engineering reps meeting	9-11-11	Again met with science reps (Julia and Robbie) to discuss plans for the year	Contact Shi to meet. Also arrange delegation for college level committees
PG study space meeting	9-11-11	Met with students at the PG study space following notice of their removal from the space. There has been very poor communication on this issue	Have tried to get to the bottom of this as much as possible. Will now aim to make the students involved in the creation of their new spaces, and make the transition as smooth as possible. Will attend an open meeting with staff and students to get to the bottom of this
Informal council meeting	9-11-11	Discussed the issues from the past weeks and how we would move forward	Present details of moving forward at next council meeting
Learning and Teaching committee	10-11-11	I gave a verbal update on the student teaching awards. There was a presentation on the International Student Barometer, Glasgow is doing well!	LTC Away Day is coming up
MVLS reps meeting	10-11-11	Met with Stuart, Ed and Dave. Discussed Vet School and how it represents	Arrange meeting with Ed and Iain Macdonald to discuss elections and how we can work with the Vet School on it
Deans of Graduate Studies	10-11-11	Me, Iain and Catherine attended. Discussed how to foster a PG community and persuaded the committee that communication across disciplines was a good thing. Also discussed the PG study space and how to move forward	
Council training	12-11-11	You were all there so you know how awesome it was	

<b>Activities undertaken as Council member period since last Council Meeting</b>	<b>Outcome/Impact of activities</b>
<b>Remembrance services – Laid a wreath on Friday and attended service on Sunday</b>  <b>Senate Guest Night</b>  <b>PG Social space – Met with architects and went around old Hetherington to look at what it provided.</b>	
<b>Future Activities Planned</b>	<b>Intended outcomes</b>
<b>Other comments, observations, points for noting</b>	



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Name: Amy Johnson	Position: VP Student Support	Date: 15/11/11
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Meetings Attended	Date	Decisions made and Implications for SRC	Future considerations/action required.
Mature Student Bursary Committee	27/10/2011	We went over the applications for mature student bursaries.	N/A
First Council Committee	27/10/2011	Minutes available.	Look into minibus provision to Garscube.
Arvind from pharmacy	28/10/2011	Secured 10% discount in the pharmacy for the duration of health week.	PR to ensure students get advantage.
Robert from SAMH	28/10/2011	Discussed how we can involve mental health charity SAMH in health week.	N/A
Neil Campbell	31/10/2011	Raised concerns about hospitality services asking students who are not buying hospitality food to leave Fraser Building/ 1A The Square. Neil explained the difficulties surrounding this, I was not entirely convinced, definitely something to take further.	Keep an eye on this, have already had more complaints. This issue is not resolved.
Anthony Nolan	2/11/2011	Planning the marrow appeal for health week. Strathclyde Fire and Rescue were hugely helpful, offered to manage a large portion of the event.	Plan PR with Iain. Get rooms booked for the event. Email to all students. Organise champion and counselling events.
SALT meeting	3/11/2011	PGR study space, university debt policy, part time PGR council tax exemption.	FOI submitted to university concerning PGR study space.
John Mac space architect meeting	3/11/2011	Looked over proposed plans.	Ensure the best option for GUSRC is pursued.
Sexual Orientation Equality Group	3/11/2011	Discussion focused on new regulations of Scottish Government for Equality Impact assessment, whether we should remain a member of Stonewall, the work of LGBTQ and GUSRC sexual orientation equality officer. We also discussed the proposed plans to install gender neutral toilets on campus. While I fully support this plan I felt it necessary to outline concerns students might have. David Newall acknowledged such concerns and he and I are to work together on the implementation of gender neutral toilets.	Meeting with David Newall.
Student Support & Development Committee	4/11/2011	The main point of success that resulted from this meeting was Jane Weir promising to pilot a scheme which allows part time PGR students who study for more than 21 hours a week council tax exemption. Apart from this advisor of studies were discussed and James gave a presentation on our class reps.	Make Jane Weir follows up on this and ensure that effected students are informed.
Glasgow Marrow society	4/11/2011	Planned their involvement in health week marrow appeal event.	They're happy to provide volunteers for the clinic.

meeting			
Meeting with Principal	7/11/2011	Talked over Stuart's resignation. He was understanding but largely interested in how we would move forward, seemed happy with our response.	N/A
Estates Committee	7/11/2011	John Mac plans discussed, I fed back about latest problems concerning planning permission for the side door. The room was in agreement that the renovation would not only be in the best interests of GUSRC but also the University (which is good news). Jim McConnell presented on possible options for expenditure in University estate over the next 5 years.	Look over expenditure suggestions for University Estate, take these to council and feed back what would be best for students at next Estates Committee.
Clubs and Socs	7/11/2011	Affiliation and grant applications.	Email GUMSA about website, PR this website as soon as it's up and running- fits in with internationalisation branch of strategic plan.
QMU board meeting	7/11/2011	Cross-campus relations.	N/A
David Newall	8/11/2011	Met to discuss Stuart's resignation. Talked about how we will divide up committees. I will now sit on Court and several other court committees	I am to meet with him to discuss the workings of Court and my responsibilities.
champions meeting	8/11/2011	An event that allowed those wishing to 'champion' the marrow appeal an opportunity to learn more about Anthony Nolan and meet Karen Morton, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue and myself.	N/A
Informal Council	9/11/2011	This was a discussion about Stuart's resignation. We explained the events that led up to this and what happened on the day. We also discussed as a group how we'll move forward. Overall a very positive and useful meeting.	Full council to formally approve the planned division of work.
Ian McMeekin re Anthony Nolan	10/11/2011	Went to finalise lay-out of the Wolfson medical building in prep for the marrow clinic.	N/A
Anthony Nolan Training	14/11/2011	Training event for those who want to be counsellors on the day of the marrow clinic.	PR event and keep Thursday free!
David Newall and Kenneth Law to discuss Court membership	15/11/2011	David outlined our responsibilities and explained how Court operates along with its history.	Read information pack, organise meeting with Kenneth Law and David Ross.
Gaelic Committee	15/11/2011	I outline how GUSRC can incorporate Gaelic students more comprehensively into our volunteering programme. Mentioned language cafe and buddy a granny. Also discussed the option of organising a conversational Gaelic programme within GUSRC.	Report back to Fiona and see how we can move forward.
Finance Committee	16/11/2011		

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Name: Iain Smith	Position: VP Media & Comms	Date: 15/11/11
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GUST Catch-Up	25/10/2011	Met up with a few of the GUST team regarding first part of the year and plans going forward, discussed procedures and comms issues.	Further follow up and support for future works.
Council committee	27-10-11	First of the year. Busy agenda.	Flesh out my reports slightly with non-official meetings. Possibility of a publicity report/folder to be looked into.
Stephens & George Printing Meeting	3/11/11	Discussion of GUSRC quote for Strategic Plan – Printing Options etc. Very brief. Also, GUM.	S&G are very reliable but slightly pricier than other printers. Looking at options. GUM is nice.
John McIntyre Development	3/11/11	Catch up on John Mac development as I will be leading the Sabb working on the project	Meeting on the 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov – be ready.
Sabbs Press Meeting	4/11/11	Discussion regarding how to respond to qmunicate’s/Guardian/Journal’s requests for information about recent events – agreed response will be delivered Monday/Tuesday following further discussions.	Holding these meetings when there is key press activity is beneficial and means our lines of communication are clear and consolidated. Use them more going forward.
Principal	7-11-11	Discussion of items on SMG meeting agenda, also discussed plans for the rest of the year.	Lots of catching up to do on projects I’ve not been involved with thus far, Principal supportive of VPs going forward.
Eddy Graham - IBP	7-11-11	Initial meeting between GUSRC and IBP – consultant helping form the business plan for new PG Social Space.	Bring University in on proposed consultation plans and procedures once proposal doc complete.
David Newall	8-11-11	Discussion on recent events and ways forward. Confirming DN would be happy for Amy to sit on Court and several other court committees.	Propose to Council for formal approval
John McIntyre Building Update	9/11/11	Decisions have been taken within University how space will be used, and it goes against what we have been pushing for. Lots of uncertainty how the space will work.	Email David Newall for clarity on situation, why plans changing [attached].
Informal Council	9-11-11	Discussion of recent issues, Q&A.	Prepare and present document of details of plans at next council meeting for approval
Graduate Attributes Document	10-11-11	Meeting with Jamie Wightwick to discuss how the new document about GAs will be co-branded.	Draw up proposal document.
Deans of Graduate Studies	10-11-11	Looked at PRES results and discussed how to develop PG community. Inter-disciplinary is a good thing – potential for a conference fund to be established. PG study space discussion.	PRES questions from GUSRC need closer scrutiny. James leading on PG study space.
Council training	12-11-11	Council training – good attendance, lots of information and discussion about initiatives and ideas going forward.	

Activities undertaken as Council member period since last Council Meeting	Outcome/Impact of activities
<p>Remembrance services – Laid a wreath on Friday with student bodies. First time it has been done. Hopefully expanded in future.</p> <p>Senate Guest Night</p>	
Future Activities Planned	Intended outcomes
Other comments, observations, points for noting	

## GUSRC – Report Form

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Name: Tom Tiballi	Position: PG Course Convener – Arts	Date: 13-11-11
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Date	Meetings Attended	Items of interest for GUSRC	Action required.
9-11-11	Meeting of the Gilbert Scott PG office users	Planned removal of PG research students work space from Gilbert Scott building. Relocation of Social Sciences and Arts PGR's in favour of consolidating the business school. Lack of communication between University officials, Course Conveners, and students concerned.	Formation of a committee involving concerned students, course conveners and University representatives to improve communication.

<b>Other comments, observations, points for noting</b>



## GUSRC – Report Form

Name: Florian Weber	Position: College of Arts Undergraduate Convenor	Date: 16/11/11
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Date	Meetings Attended	Items of interest for GUSRC	Action required.
26.10.11	Undergraduate board of Studies	Various course change approvals and new course proposals. Proposal to change the English Lit entry requirements for Honours from B/C to B/B. Got permission to bring School Reps along for meetings if the agenda requires special insight.	Get School Reps to talk to Class Reps in order to find the students viewpoint on that issue.
27.10.11	SRC Council Committee	Discussing various items of interest for the SRC.	Follow up on various action points.
02.11.11	Meeting with the School Secretaries	Get everyone's contacts on the right committee lists.	None.
04.11.11	SRC Freshers Helper Subcrawl	Drinking with the guys.	Filling the night's blanks.
07.11.11	Meeting with Arts School Reps	Discussing the Honours Entry Level change proposal by the English Lit Department and the received report that some Teachers in Spanish Subject require students to write their names on assignments. Forming a do list for everyone.	School Reps talking to Class reps then follow up meeting and taking issues to College L& T Committee.
08.11.11	Meeting with Arts School Reps	Same as above with the School Reps, that were unable to attend the previous meeting.	Same as above.
08.11.11	Meetings with various College of Arts officials	Meet Alice Jenkins about the next College L&T Committee Meeting – got permission to bring School Reps for specific agenda items. Meet Valerie Stringfellow about next dates of importance.	None.
09.11.11	University L&T Committee Briefing	Meet James to get briefed for the L&T Meeting the next day.	None.
09.11.11	Extraordinary SRC Council Meeting	Discussed the resignation of the SRC president and how to proceed from there on. Exec and Council need to work closer together.	Built up trust between Exec and Council.
10.11.11	University L&T Committee	Implementation of grading software for electronic submission of assignments.	Do a test-run before implementation and make sure that the guidelines for use are clear.
10.11.11	Senate Guest Night Dinner	Building relationships with Academics. Excellent guest speaker.	None.
12.11.11	SRC Introductory	Bonding with the Council and developing new ideas for campaigns worth working for.	Work towards fulfilling those ideas.

	Training	Dissertation policy & Careers fair.	
15.11.11	Meeting with Arts School Reps	<p>Got report that Lecturer in Critical Studies didn't allow School Rep to speak + more investigation in regards to English Lit Entry requirement to Honours needs to be done.</p> <p>Spanish investigation of Lecturer asking students to write the name on their assignments needs to be done.</p> <p>JYA abroad policy not known on subject levels and fairness of translation tableau is questioned.</p> <p>Skill development through different kinds of assessments missing.</p> <p>Subjects more active on recruitment days and open days – SRC as well? Presentation?</p>	Follow up.

**Other comments, observations, points for noting**

JYA – Junior Year Abroad



### GUSRC – Report Form

Name: Stuart Tuckwood	Position: Undergraduate College Convenor MVLS	Date: 15/11/11
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Date	Meetings Attended	Items of interest for GUSRC	Action required.
Friday 28th October-	MVLS Learning and Teaching Committee	MVLS L and T - Placement Support for medical students (discuss with Morven Med School Rep)	
Monday 31st October-	Nursing and Healthcare Working Group Meeting	Nursing and Healthcare; Ongoing issues of recruiting newer staff and ensuring school is in a good position regards CNO review	
Thursday 10th -	University Learning and Teaching Committee	University L and T; IBLs Survey, how the University plans to address issues raised. Supporting tools of online assessment and marking.	
Thursday 10th -	Meeting with JH and MVLS School Representatives	MVLS Reps meeting; Setting up meeting with Head of College, School reps to liaise with class reps and aim to meet with them, school reps to ensure access to school committees and bridges built, Edywn to attend GUVMA meeting and ask if I can also attend to introduce myself.	Action in regards to points of interest coming from all the meetings.

Other comments, observations, points for noting

## GUSRC – Report Form

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Name: Dave Walker	Position: School of Life Sciences Representative	Date: 15/11/11
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Date	Meetings Attended	Items of interest for GUSRC	Action required.
9/11/11	MVLS with VPLAD	Discussed how to move forward in our positions and what we plan on doing in our term	Begin opening channels with members of staff by introducing ourselves to Heads of Schools/Administration/College
10/11/11		Attended Class Rep Training and met with a few Class Reps in Life Sciences. Requested full list of Class Reps from School Staff	Contact all Class Reps when list is received and start the process of gathering feedback from as many classes as possible

### Other comments, observations, points for noting

On 9/11/11, met with MVLS Convenor and agreed that the best course of action at the current time is to raise awareness of our positions within our schools, as these roles are very new – postering and attending large lectures across year groups was agreed to be the most efficient way of doing this. By contacting staff and introducing ourselves, we are hoping to set a precedent so that Staff are more aware School Reps/College Convenors and their value in future years.

## GUSRC – Report Form

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Name: <b>Joseph Meaden</b>	Position: <b>General Representative</b>	Date: <b>17<sup>th</sup> November 2011</b>
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Date	Meetings Attended	Items of interest for GUSRC	Action required.
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	1	<p>I met Professor Graham Caie regarding the Academic Dress Committee. We discussed two items of interest:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The President's gown is in need of being replaced due to wear and tear.</li> <li>2. Undergraduate gowns – I want to improve awareness of and access to these gowns so that all students are able to wear the proper academic dress when attending University ceremonial events.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Professor Caie suggested that one of the Sabbatical Officers contact Ede and Ravenscroft, the company which provides gowns to the University, who would likely be happy to donate the President's gown to the SRC.</li> <li>2. Professor Caie suggested that I should also contact Ede and Ravenscroft, which I have done, to ask whether they would donate some Undergraduate gowns to the University for the use of students.</li> </ol>

### Other comments, observations, points for noting

- Next ceremonial events in which SRC Council Members will be able/required to wear academic dress:
  1. The upcoming Winter Graduations on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> November and 1<sup>st</sup> December. If you would like to attend and want to be on the procession, please contact Irene Aitken at the Senate Office ASAP. Email address: [Irene.Aitken@glasgow.ac.uk](mailto:Irene.Aitken@glasgow.ac.uk)
  2. I'll let you know later of any events which come up in Semester 2! I can think of a few already, but won't bore you...

## GUSRC – Report Form

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Name: Lucy Dalgleish	Position: Students with Disabilities Officer	Date: 14/11/2011
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Date	Meetings Attended	Items of interest for GUSRC	Action required.
4/11/2011	Workshop for Disability Advisers on hearing aids	Talk included <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• limitations of hearing aids</li> <li>• Principals of radio aids / fm systems</li> <li>• Equipment available to uni</li> </ul>	None
11/11/2011	Talked with website designer	Phoned up web designer to discuss designing a website for disabled students with forum/read out facilities/ability to change text size and background colour.	Expensive. Does not seem like a viable option the university would go for.
14/11/2011	Talked to friend about possibility of making a website cheaply.	Andrew Beveridge has agreed to help me make a website for free over the December break.  <a href="http://www.andrewbeveridge.co.uk/">http://www.andrewbeveridge.co.uk/</a>	Next step is to get permission from involved parties (email/talk to the Disability Service and bring it up at Disabled liaisons meeting) and ask permission to go ahead with this project and ask if they would like to be involved.

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My main focus this month has been on looking at all web information provided to disabled students with regards to the university and the services it offers. I have a concern that the information given is not tailored to disabled student needs (no forum/read out facilities/ability to change text size and background colour/some block text/slightly confusing layout) and the info is spread over several different sites (no centralization).

My original plan was ether to link up the info from the various sites (manly the SRC site, the disabled Facebook group site and the disability services site) or improve them but I now have the means to create a new site entirely which I could tailor to meet students needs.

Now that we have the means to actually make the project happen to go forward with this idea I now need to talk to Disability Service to see if it's a viable solution the university would support and students would be encouraged to use.

### GUSRC – Report Form

Name: Ellen Docherty	Position: Environmental Officer	Date: 16/11/11
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Date	Meetings Attended	Items of interest for GUSRC	Action required.
2/11/2011	Carbon Management Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SRC will be brought in to contribute to university Carbon Trust 3 year campaign. SRC will not be brought in until SM have finalised planning.</li> <li>- Potential to work more with Sustainable Development Network, to broaden appeal of public events beyond narrow academic interest                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SRC – promoting safer cycling?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Establish working group of students who are council members but also include non-council members who are interested in environmental issues.

<b>Other comments, observations, points for noting</b>