

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 3rd DECEMBER 2015 AT 6.30 p.m.
IN ROOM 201, JOHN MCINTYRE BUILDING**

Present: L King, G Gratton, A Ibrahim, U Darragh, I French, T Duah, M Deans, M Harris, L Evens, E Napier, E Porter, K Powell, F Taylor, O Schafer, C Steeghs, D White, S Al-Wasity, F O'Donnell, B Simpson, S Yue, S Maier, E Ross, C Hill, H Curley, C Watson, M Dimitrova, I Hafeez, A Pancheva, H Kay, T Lohmus, L Kuheme, K Muat, R O'Fee, J Benson, D Guthrie, S Kholeif, F Nokhbatolfoghahai, R Slater, M Sefton

Apologies: L McDougall, Bob Rooney

Attending: B Hay, A Bankier, G Connor, A Allen

1. Presentation and Consultation on the Campus re-development masterplan

Ann Allen delivered a presentation on the campus re-development masterplan and asked council members to feed back on some specific questions.

1 – What should we do to create a sticky, open, cohesive campus?

2 – What should we do to improve movement around the campus – on foot, by bicycle, by public transport?

3 - Projects - How do we make sure we are really engaging students, thoughts and ideas?

4 – Communication - What else should we do? What must we do to maintain the student experience whilst we are building?

- Council suggested a number of ideas including :
- Timing important to minimize impact on students by reflecting the semesters
- Being mindful that medical students times are different, later exams should be taken into consideration.
- Centre piece for the square.
- More pedestrian / zebra crossings

- Home students car park
- Safe walk – pillars with contact capabilities to reach security
- Bike sheds, student card activated.
- Better signposting / maps
- Within buildings there should be consideration for students who are parents providing some spaces where children are allowed.
- Consultations could be more effective if they were more accessible more frequent and shorter, putting less demands on students time. For example 'pop up' consultations in the library may get better results.

2. GUSRC Audited Annual Accounts

G Connor presented the annual accounts to council.

F O'Donnell proposed and E Porter seconded a motion to approve the accounts.

F Taylor proposed and B Simpson seconded a motion to reappoint auditors Alexander Sloan.

O Schafer proposed and I French a motion to reappoint solicitors Govan Law Centre.

3. Minute of previous meeting, 19th November

Peter McCluskey not present at meeting and not on council.

Elliot stated that he had asked a question regarding consultants and SRC and impartiality and asked that it be included.

T Duah requested that the thanks for the candlelight vigil be extended to A Pancheva as well.

3.1 Matters Arising

Freshers week report has been postponed to January meeting.

4. Reports

4.1.1 Liam King – President

Nothing to highlight and no questions were asked.

4.1.2 Gemma Gratton – VP Education

Nothing to highlight and no questions were asked.

4.1.3 Una Marie Darragh – VP Student Support

Nothing to highlight and no questions were asked.

4.1.4 Ameer Ibrahim – VP Student Activities

Nothing to highlight and no questions were asked.

4.2 Council Reports

The following council members submitted reports to council:

Debbie White, PG Arts Convenor
Bob Rooney, PG MVLS Convenor
Frankie O' Donnell, PG Social Sciences Convener

Kate Powell, UG Arts Convenor

Fergus Taylor, UG MVLS Convenor

O Schafer and L King commented the poem included in his report and suggested he recite it during secret santa.

Oscar Schafer, UG Science and Engineering

Elliot Napier, Age Equality Officer
Milia Hau, International Students Officer
Iain French, Sexual Orientation Equality Officer

Iain French thanked council members for attending transgender remembrance.

Mihaela Dimitrova, School Rep Business
Alex Pancheva, School Rep Computing Science
Imran Hafeez, School Rep Engineering
Hannah Kay, School Rep Geographical and Earth Science
Cameron Hill, School Rep Life Sciences
Erin Ross, School Rep Modern Languages and Culture
Tuuli Lohmus, School Rep Physics and Astronomy

Louisa Kuehme, School Rep Psychology
Sven Maier, School Rep Humanities

Ryan O'Fee, 1st year representative

Fatemeh Nokhbatofoghahai, General Representative

A Pancheva asked for papers to be circulated earlier. L King apologised and said they would aim to resolve this for future meetings.

M Harris suggested an online googledoc for submitting council reports. L King responded that it was something that he would think about.

5. AOCB

5.1 Postgraduate Position on SSDC

L King informed council that there was a postgraduate committee member required for SSDC. F O Donnell and D White both stood for the position.

F O'Donnell received 14 votes, D White received 19.

D White was elected.

5.2 Minibus driver consultation

There followed a discussion about the appropriateness of the selected consultants. With particular regard to their independence.

It was agreed to proceed as planned.

5.3 Pop up study spaces

T Lohmus asked for details on pop up study spaces which council members had been asked to help promote. Gemma responded that they are only available from Monday and that there are posters and social media starting from tomorrow.

5.4 Participation in Council Matters

M Harris commented that she had been struggling to attend and felt like it would be useful if there was a basic guide for council members it would be beneficial for new council members.

U Darragh commented that there was a big gap between election and starting up and that she was aiming to circulate some general information to newly elected council members.

M Harris suggested using doodle polls to pin down council members attendance for meetings.

L King commented that this was something that they did try and address with inductions and asked for any detailed feedback from council members.

D White – Re-Freshers Week

D White asked A Ibrahim regarding re-freshers week. A Ibrahim responded that the Williams room and Gilchrist postgraduate club would be used for events as well as there being a freshers fair. A Ibrahim advised D White to send info on any specific events she was organising to him.

J Benson commented that having more information on how SRC council members could go about setting up events would be useful for council members. A Ibrahim responded that council members wishing to set up events should contact him by email.

5.6 Safe Taxi Scheme

U Darragh informed council members that the taxi scheme has now been set up and it will be on the website and campus e- news. There is now a link with Glasgow taxis, students can pay with their student card which will be left at the gatehouse.

6. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on 14th January 2016, 6.30pm, Room 201 John Mcintyre Building.