

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 28TH APRIL AT 6 PM
IN THE WILLIAMS ROOM, JOHN MCINTYRE BUILDING**

Present: As per sederunt

Apologies: M Harris, T Lohmus, S Kholeif, E Porter, C Hill, A Pancheva, F O' Donnell, S Dallas, S Al Wasy, B Simpson

Attending: B Hay, A Bankier,

1. Minutes of last Meeting

Approved

2. Matters arising

2.1 Fast 24 - M Harris created the poll to arrange the event and reported that £379 had been raised.

2.2 Proposed new council officers – Discussions still to take place. Will be fed back to Council in October

3. Council Reports

3.1 Liam King – SRC President

3.1.1 Governance Restructure

L King informed that he had been looking into governance and thought that the current work council members undertake be tackled in smaller groups and then reported back to council he also suggested GUSRC should consider revising it's structures to emulate the trend for a reduced number of trustees.

In response to questions LKing advised he thought students should still be the majority of trustees but the Board could include non students. He believed Council couldn't continue to fulfil it's current legal obligations in it's existing form

In response to a further question L.King suggested that the Trustees could be recruited through a nominations panel of relevant stakeholders.

L King confirmed that staff members could not be trustees

B Hay added that a revised governance framework could be a positive step but would need to be properly resourced. There has been previous incarnations SRC governance involving external trustees, including a paid treasurer position. There were difficulties however in finding work for these trustees and the structure was abandoned.

3.1.2 EU Referendum

L King asked council if they would like to take a view on the EU ref.

Following discussion, and a show of hands it was decided that GUSRC would release a statement in support of remaining in the EU and outlining the benefits that membership brings to students at the university with 36 in favour and 1 abstention.

3.1.3 HEAR

L King asked council members to return their HEAR forms to ensure their role was recorded on their transcript.

3.1.4 Student finance

M Sefton, QMU president stated that he was very unhappy at the cuts to the unions at the expense of GUSRC. He felt that the university were using divide and conquer tactics.

M Sefton asked if GUSRC would work with unions to go to university regarding an increase in funding.

L King responded that he had met with the senior vice principal and discussed this. The university require the four student bodies to provide a coherent and consistent funding submission. The university believes that there is mission creep amongst the student unions with duplication in what is being offered.

M Sefton commented on the difficulty in getting all the student body presidents to come together for a meeting.

L King advised that there was a need to demonstrate why more money is required and the benefits to students that would bring.

M Deans commented that during a funding panel review, both unions were asked why two separate unions were required.

M Sefton commented that they could not deliver if there was only one union.

L King commented that the number of student bodies had to be questioned. University don't understand the need for seperate Unions and it was becoming increasingly difficult to justify

3.2 Gemma Gratton VP Education

3.2.1 STAs report

G Gratton asked council members to refer to her report on the STAs

3.2.2 U21 student leaders

G Gratton asked if any council members who wanted to know more to get in touch and thanked E Ross for helping out.

G Gratton thanked council for a great year.

3.3 Ameer Ibrahim – VP Student Activities

3.3.1 Freshers helper applications

A Ibrahim informed council that the applications for Freshers helpers were open and asked that they promote this where possible.

A Ibrahim thanked council for the year.

E Napier asked if the beatson pebble appeal fundraising was related to the Charity Fashion Show fundraising?

A Ibrahim responded that it was completely separate.

3.4 – U Darragh VP Student Support

3.4.1 - Prevention of gender based violence

U Darragh informed council that she would have a meeting 3rd May to discuss the training. Council member interested in taking the training were asked to get in touch regarding the application process.

U Darragh thanked council for their work over the year.

M Deans asked about the reference to 'estates chat' in U Darragh's report

U Darragh explained that this had been a discussion with Anton regarding the campus redevelopment.

3.5 E Napier – Age Equality Officer

E Napier thanked council.

3.6 Kate Powell – UG Convenor Arts

M Deans asked why was the report on library so interesting

K Powell responded that it had pointed out the the problem with hospitality services. The report contained a lot of statistics and evidence for problems everyone was aware of.

M Deans asked for further information on the Arts Project referred to in her report.

K Powell responded that the meeting discussed a draft of a student survey.

3.7 - F Nokhbatolfoghahai General Representative.

F Nokhbatolfoghahai thanked council.

L King thanked council for all their hard work and wished the new council members in attendance the best of luck. L King thanked B Hay and A Banker.

Council members thanked L King.

Meeting concluded at 19.30pm