

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017 AT 6:30PM  
IN THE WILLIAMS ROOM, MCINTYRE BUILDING

Present: As per sederunt

Apologies from outgoing Council: T Ha, L King, J Benson, J Mac Sweeney, H Todd, J Brown, A Ali, E Young, A Pancheva, L Bergin, S Luan, A Zahid, F Nokhbatolfoghahai

Apologies from incoming Council: A Ioannou, X Stieger, K Brownson.

Attending: K Fraser, B Hay, A Anwar, C Lowther

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1: Minutes of last meeting

The minutes from the last meeting were approved by council.

2: Presentation on Student Health & Wellbeing .

Christine Lowther, director of Student Services gave an overview of the University's Counselling and Psychology Service (CaPS) over the past year and its focus on improvement for the future.

The session outlined the challenges facing the service at the university and HE across Scotland as well as potential for building on the success of the CaPS/SRC Mental Health policy collaboration over the year.

C Lowther noted in her presentation that the service was dealing with increased demand and expectations from students. It was highlighted that part of the higher demand was due to increased support in place for students when entering the university due to diagnosis of potential difficulties earlier in education at the primary and secondary level.

Q - Rector A Anwar: There are concerns about funding for the CaPS and its provision. C Lowther noted that she was unsure about exact figures but advised that the CaPs has been prioritised for funding by the Uni's SMG.

Q -M Harris : What provision is available for students who are on study aboard placements, as there are concerns that students don't get support from CaPS. C Lowther advised that partner institutions would be responsible

for student's wellbeing and support while they were studying at those institutions.

### 3: Address from Rector Aamer Anwar to SRC Council

There was a short address from newly elected rector A Anwar to council.

### 4: Council Motion

We propose that the position of Postgraduate Taught Representative is changed to Postgraduate Research Representative.

Proposer: Kate Powell

Seconder: Jessica Mac Sweeney

There was a brief discussion regarding representation for research postgraduate students at the university and it was hoped that having a dedicated position for PGR would help engagement with this constituency in future.

The motion was passed by council.

### 5: Council Reports

#### 5.1 A Ibrahim- Report noted

Update from previous Council: The report from MaRIO regarding fees for students being extended from 3 to 4 years has now been received by the SRC and is being considered by the SRC Executive and Advice Team.

#### 5.2:K Powell - Report noted

Council was updated that Campus cards will be available to collect for current students starting in June. There had been an issue regarding cards being sent to term-time addresses but it was hoped that this had now been rectified and there would be a smooth transition to the new card system for students when collecting cards over the summer.

#### 5.3: M Harris - Report noted

Council was informed in addition to the written report that it was estimated that the total raised by the Raising and Giving Committee could reach £5000 for this year.

- 5.4: B Rooney - Report noted
- 5.5 L McDougall - Report noted
- 5.6 T Ramdani - Report noted
- 5.7 C Holdsworth- Report noted

6: AOCB

T Ramdani requested an update from the previous council meeting in March regarding a request from the University that SRC representatives maintained a gender balance on university committees.

After discussion, Council agreed that the working towards a gender balance would be recommendation for future councils.

7- The date of the next meeting

This would be circulated in the new academic session 2017/18