

**MINUTES OF THE 1ST COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2006 AT 6.30 p.m.
IN THE WILLIAMS ROOM**

ACTION

Present : As per Sederunt Sheets

Apologies : None

S Morrison welcomed everyone to the first meeting of Council and congratulated the recently elected members.

**1 MINUTES OF THE NINTH STATUTORY MEETING OF COUNCIL
11 May 2006 – Factual Corrections**

1.1 Student Retention Group (Refer 2.10)

This should read – “Once A Roberts receives the Committee papers he will discuss them with the President of the QM Union”.

2 MATTERS ARISING

2.1 Masterpoint Internet Service (Refer 2.1)

K Borrowdale has been in touch with the Accommodation Office regarding this and both she and D Lamb will be working on it.

2.2 Council Meeting Guidelines for the Chair (Refer 2.4)

Council noted that this will be discussed at a later date.

2.3 Mass E-Mails (Refer 2.7)

Guidelines on e-mail circulation will be revised again but in the meantime anyone sending out an e-mail, in their role as a member of Council to their Faculty or department, must go through D Lamb, VP (Media & Communications).

2.4 Student Retention Group (Refer 2.10)

A Roberts is still working on this and is happy to discuss any matters with the QM Union President.

2.5 Faculty of Arts Meeting (Refer 2.11)

K Borrowdale had spoken to the Arts Convenor about removing ‘N’ from the exam transcripts and M Davies had circulated the briefing paper to Council.

2.6 Traffic Proposals (Refer 2.12)

It was noted that pay and parking had been introduced on Kelvin Way but plans to make it a one way system had fallen.

2.7 Academic Writing Skills (Refer 4.2)

M Wilson has been in touch with the Effective Learning Unit and is waiting for a response to the comments/questions raised at the last meeting.

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2.8 No Platform Policy Working Group (Refer 8)

It was agreed that a meeting of the Working Group will now be arranged.

2.9 Claims for Alcohol by Clubs & Societies (Refer 11.1)

This was reviewed and, once the Committee is elected, will be discussed at the first Clubs & Societies Committee meeting.

Minutes adopted by Council.

3 INTRODUCTION

As it was the 1st Council Meeting with the newly elected members, each person stated their name and position.

4 REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 2005/2006

A copy of the financial report had been circulated to Council for information. One question raised was about the reserves and how the SRC was going to make up any shortfall. B Hay advised, in terms of risk management, £450,000 was the optimum figure.

It was noted that the reason employment costs had increased against the previous year's was a result of recruiting additional Advice Centre Staff and filling the Post of Permanent Secretary which had been vacant for 8 months in the previous financial year.

B Hay pointed out that this year's accounts contain a lot more detail as they were prepared in line with the New Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities (SORP) 2005.

Council noted the Accounts and report for the financial year 2005/06.

5 SOLICITOR

Council approved the recommendation that Mike Dailly of Govan Law Centre be re-appointed as the Council's Solicitor for the financial year beginning 1st July 2006 to 30th June 2007.

6 AUDITORS

Council approved the recommendation that Alexander Sloan be re-appointed as the Council's Auditors for the financial year beginning 1st July 2006 to 30th June 2007.

7 MOTION: NUS REFERENDUM

The following motion proposed by Raymond Kiernan and seconded by Peter Ramand was submitted which read:

SRC notes:

The average turnout for SRC executive elections in the past 15 years has been just over 1000 students, amounting to a roughly 5% turnout. The last turnout for an SRC election to be only 4%.

SRC believes:

That the 15% quorum demanded by last council's motion for the upcoming NUS referendum does not amount to the fair manner which that motion called for.

SRC resolves:

To postpone the referendum until late February next year giving ample time after exams and before the Spring elections to run the referendum.

To set the quorum at a more realistic level i.e. no more than 1 or 2% over the average turnout for elections at Glasgow University.

R Kiernan spoke on the motion. An open period followed. R Kiernan summed up. Another open period followed.

One amendment proposed by D MacKenzie was submitted which read:

Amend the resolution and replace with:

This SRC resolves:

To amend the resolution on NUS Referendum passed on 11 October 2006 as follows –

Under para. 4.1 last sentence,

Replace "Where the turnout is less than 15% the status quo will remain"

With "Where the turnout is less than 15% the SRC Council will hold another referendum within 12 months of the date of this referendum".

The amendment was acceptable to the Proposer.

H Dickson proposed a direct negative.

A second amendment proposed by K Borrowdale was submitted which read:

Change 12 months to 18 months.

This amendment was not acceptable to the Proposer. A vote was taken. Amendment passed.

Motion now reads:

This SRC resolves:

To amend the resolution 4.1 on NUS Referendum passed on 11 October 2006 as follows:

"Where the turnout is less than 15% the SRC Council will hold another referendum within 18 months of the date of this referendum".

A vote was taken. 5 voted in favour, 12 voted against and 3 abstained. Motion fell.

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**8 ELECTION OF COURT ASSESSOR, UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES
& SRC COMMITTEES**

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COURT ASSESSOR

Anders Roberts (ELECTED)

ESTATES COMMITTEE (1 rep)

Struan Campbell (ELECTED)

HEALTH, SAFETY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE (2 reps)

Kat Borrowdale (ELECTED)

Howard Dickson (ELECTED)

LIBRARY COMMITTEE (1 rep)

Jamie Wightwick (ELECTED)

MUSEUMS & GALLERIES COMMITTEE (1 rep)

Jennifer Wightwick (ELECTED)

STUDENT SUPPORT & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (2 reps)

Struan Campbell (ELECTED)

Gavin Lee (ELECTED)

SENATE (4 reps)

President

VP (Media & Communications)

VP (Learning & Development)

VP (Student Support)

Arts Convenor

Education Convenor

Engineering Convenor

LBSS Convenor

Medicine Convenor

Science Convenor

Postgraduate Convenor

Howard Dickson (ELECTED)

Sarah Tomlinson (ELECTED)

Filippo Trevisan (ELECTED)

Jamie Wightwick (ELECTED)

LEARNING & TEACHING SUBCOMMITTEE (3 reps)

Anders Roberts (ELECTED)

Veer Shah (ELECTED)

Jamie Wightwick (ELECTED)

STUDENT DISABILITY PROVISION STEERING GROUP (1 rep)

Howard Dickson (ELECTED)

ACADEMIC ISSUES DATA PROTECTION WORKING GROUP (1 rep)

David Lamb (ELECTED)

SENATE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE (2 reps plus 1 reserve)

Kat Borrowdale (ELECTED)
Chris Hall (ELECTED)
Nicola Chan (ELECTED) (Reserve)

MILITARY EDUCATION COMMITTEE (1 rep)

Duncan MacKenzie (ELECTED)

ACADEMIC DRESS COMMITTEE (1 rep)

Kat Borrowdale (ELECTED)

CLUBS & SOCIETIES COMMITTEE (4 reps)

Kat Borrowdale (ELECTED)
David Lamb (ELECTED)
Filippo Trevisan (ELECTED)
Patrick Walsh (ELECTED)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (7 reps)

Struan Campbell
Nicola Chan
Howard Dickson
Gavin Lee
Sarah Tomlinson
Filippo Trevisan
Jamie Wightwick

9 BRIEFING PAPER FROM SHONA MORRISON

A copy was circulated to everyone for information.

9.1 Kaplan

A question was asked whether or not Kaplan students would receive University of Glasgow cards. It was noted that they would have associate student status and would have cards similar to a matriculation card stating they were students of Glasgow International College.

10 NUS

Posters have been produced and displayed around campus. S Morrison urged members to take some posters to display in their faculty or hall of residence. Anyone free to help out with flyering should let S Morrison know.

11 COUNCIL TRAINING

This takes place on Saturday, 11 November in the GUU at 10.30 a.m.

**12 MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
11 October 2006 - Factual Corrections and Matters Arising**

None. Minutes adopted by Council.

**13 MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETINGS AND EXEC REPORTS
23 March to 29 September 2006 – Factual Corrections and
Matters Arising**

None. Minutes adopted by Council.

**14 MINUTES OF CLUBS & SOCIETIES COMMITTEE MEETING
26 April 2006 – Factual Corrections and Matters Arising**

None. Minutes adopted by Council.

15 AOCB

15.1 Part time Students' Open Meeting

Council noted that H Dickson intends to hold an Open Meeting for part time students. He will speak to D Lamb about publicising it.

15.2 Restructure of the Academic Year

M Wilson spoke to Council on the proposal by the University to restructure the academic year. The plan is to do away with the term system and teach subjects over two 12 week semesters, although some faculties have a semi-semesterised system already in place. The change would mean that the Autumn/Winter semester would begin in the middle of September, exams would take place in December just before Christmas, and the Spring semester would begin just after New Year. Summer exams would be held after the Easter break and re-sits would take place earlier on in the Summer. The main reason the University wants to introduce this is to streamline everything and have everyone on the same timetable.

A discussion followed and the following points/questions were raised -

Will there be classes on bank holidays?

Are they bringing forward the start of term by two weeks?

Will it be a one week exam period?

In relation to summer exams nursing students have complained that their exams are not brought forward early enough and have clashed with their placements so they've had to come back to do their exams. How early can exams be brought forward?

It had been suggested holding re-sits earlier – this could be an advantage for international students. The restructure could make it easier for international students to make arrangements to stay a bit longer in Scotland.

Some countries allow students to sit exams in their own country - look into the cost of this.

What impact will the changes have on research students?

Having re-sits in one week rather than the three week period, what effect will it have on students who have three exams?

Another slight disadvantage in bringing exams forward is that it's difficult to get hold of lecturers from the 2nd January until approximately the 14th when the return, if you wanted help.

Students involved with SVA have to return to sit summer exams and their needs are not taken into consideration. Would they be adapted to fit in

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with the new system?

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The points and questions raised will be put to Andrew Nolan, Vice Principal Learning & Teaching and the proposal will be put on the Council forum.

MW/DL

15.3 SRC Council Forum

D Lamb informed Council a separate forum for SRC Council issues will be set up shortly. This is restricted to Council members only and passwords will activate the account. This will be discussed more fully at the Council Training on Saturday.

15.4 Science Undergraduates Studies Committee

A Roberts is unable to go to any meetings of this Committee because of classes. M Wilson has been attending and is happy to continue doing so but it was felt it would also be useful for a Science student to go along too. Any Science student able to attend should speak to A Roberts.

15.5 Petition on Recycling Facilities on Campus

K Borrowdale explained that this was a proposal from the Sustainability Working Group and was established at the last meeting of Council. Anyone interested in helping to get signatures or becoming involved should speak to her.

15.6 Student Health at Glasgow Day

This takes place on 30 November and will tie in with World Aids Day on the 1 December. Anyone interested in helping should speak to K Borrowdale.

15.7 Student Festival

This will take place during the second week of February 2007. A planning meeting will take place on 4 December. Anyone interested in helping should contact K Borrowdale.

15.8 Williams Room

It is hoped that the refurbishment will be starting soon so the next meeting will be held in another building. Council will be notified of the location in their papers for the next meeting.

15.9 Forum

D Lamb pointed out that anyone signing up for the forum should register and then contact him with their user name so he can allow access to it. All Convenors will have e-mail accounts set up and he will contact them with details of how to access them.

S Morrison thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.