

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 25 MARCH 2010 AT 6.30 p.m.
IN THE WILLIAMS ROOM**

ACTION

Present : As per Sederunt Sheets

Apologies : Razvan Balaban, Alan Daly, Scott Gordon, Gavin Lee,
Ailsa Lynch, Usman Malik, Sabrina Rossi

Council noted that item 'j' on the Agenda would be replaced by K Fraser and M Morrison's suggestions for GUSRC.

1 WELCOME

L Laws started the meeting by welcoming newly elected members to their first meeting.

**2 MINUTES OF THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING
18 February 2010 – Factual Corrections**

2.1 Mario Conti – Honorary Degree Protest Committee (Refer 12)

It was noted that M Boyd and G Lee had not agreed to be part of the Protest Committee.

2.2 General Elections (Refer 16.3)

The last sentence should read – 'It was noted a similar campaign was run at the last general election and that L Laws would discuss with M Wilson, who was VP (Learning & Development) at the time'.

2.3 Scottish Defence League March (Refer 8.3.1)

A Silkoff had highlighted there would be a march in Edinburgh and a press release had been circulated.

Minutes adopted by Council.

3 MATTERS ARISING

3.1 Restructuring Project (Refer 1)

L Laws is in the process of considering options for the future structure of Council. Different systems will be considered and brought to the Executive Committee and next year's Sabbatical Officers for discussion, before being brought to Council. Any comments should be sent to L Laws as soon as possible.

LL

3.2 Minutes of the Executive Committee (Refer 3.1)

These are being finalised and will be circulated shortly.

LL

**3.3 Glasgow University Students Living in Caledonian University
Accommodation (Refer 3.2)**

Council noted that M Wilson had passed on the information to the

Accommodation Office that SAAS will only pay travelling expenses claims over £159.

ACTION

3.4 Mario Conti – Honorary Degree (Refer 12)

L Laws had circulated a doodle poll to Council to ascertain how many members would be taking part in the protest on Commemoration Day. Council noted that some lecturers and colleagues will also be participating. N Jennings will circulate a doodle poll to arrange a meeting of the Protest Committee.

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3.5 General Elections (Refer 16.3)

L Laws had met with M Wilson to discuss the manifesto written for the 2007 General Election. The following additional points were suggested:

- Funding for Universities, funding for students, tuition fees;
- Spouses of international students – some still have to pay Council Tax ;
- Postgraduate taught students do not always get the same financial support as undergraduate students;
- Tenancy deposit scheme for those living in private houses;
- HMO system linking up licensing and planning;
- Public transport should better serve students; and
- Contraception should be free - students who, for cultural reasons, cannot sign up to a system are not being taken into account.

This will be circulated to Council and if anyone has any other ideas they should let L Laws know.

LL

4 SABBATICAL OFFICERS' REPORTS – 12 February – 18 March 2010

Council were invited to ask questions pertaining to each of the Sabbatical Officers' reports.

LAURA LAWS, PRESIDENT

(Copy of report circulated)

Nothing further to add. No questions from Council.

5 MORVEN BOYD, VP (LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT)

(Copy of report circulated)

Nothing further to add. No questions from Council.

6 JIM WILSON, VP (MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS)

(Copy of report circulated)

6.1 SRC Website Information

J Wilson informed Council he had set up the information on the website relating to the SRC moving to Southpark Avenue. He asked Council to invite as many people as possible to the Facebook site to make them aware of the move.

**7 SOPHIE HALL, VP (STUDENT SUPPORT)
(Copy of report circulated)**

ACTION

7.1 Welfare Officers Meeting

S Hall had held a Welfare Officers meeting and was impressed by the level of commitment and enthusiasm.

8 CONVENORS, OFFICERS & COURT ASSESSOR’S REPORTS

8.1 A Cohen, Science Convenor

8.1.1 Restructuring Project

A Cohen stated that, post-restructuring, she felt it was important that the SRC covers as many Committees as possible. L Laws confirmed that all the Learning & Teaching based Committees will have a student rep and the University has given the SRC free range as to how SSLTs will work and made recommendations to them. It will be a student representative from a school or college that will attend the meetings. A Cohen pointed out that because her subjects are spread across three faculties which she represents, she is concerned that this may not happen. L Laws will monitor this closely.

LL

8.1.2 Student Reps Meeting

A Cohen had been disappointed with the poor turnout – only 3 reps had attended. They did discuss a number of issues and A Cohen will pass the information on to S Hall and T Eriksson. It was noted that the class reps lists held by departments are incomplete. L Laws will look into this.

AC

LL

8.2 S Gordon, Charities Officer

S Gordon had submitted his apologies to the meeting.

8.2.1 Museums & Galleries Committee Meeting

J Wilson offered to promote the Hunterian Museum to students and suggested S Gordon send the information to him.

SG

9 BENEFITS WEEK REPORT

A report by S Hall on the success of Benefits Week had been circulated to everyone for information. The week had been a great success and received very positive feedback from both University frontline staff and students.

10 THE MOVE

B Hay updated Council. The SRC will move from the John McIntyre Building on 29/30 March to 65/67 Southpark Avenue. The offices will be closed for approximately one week and it is hoped to open for business on Thursday, 8 April. Provided the roof work in the John McIntyre Building has been completed it is expected that the SRC will return there in July. Due to budget restrictions it is now unlikely the whole building will be renovated.

11 HOUSING CAMPAIGN

S Hall raised the subject of arranging a housing campaign aimed at housing and appeals. It had come to her attention that a number of international students have fallen for a particular 'scam' which involved renting flats that do not exist.

ACTION

12 DISSERTATION BINDING

At a recent Education, Policy & Strategy Committee meeting L Laws and M Boyd raised the subject that faculties differ on how dissertations should be bound in different departments. It would appear there is no uniform style for binding. The SRC had asked if there could be either no regulations or what the standard dissertation might look like across the University for undergraduates. Consequently EdPSC have asked the SRC to recommend a solution. L Laws asked members if they could find out in their subject what the regulations are in their final project or dissertation.

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13 PAPER FROM K FRASER & M MORRISON

K Fraser and M Morrison had produced a paper on how to promote the SRC around campus. Katy and Matt explained the rationale behind the document and highlighted the suggestions students had made. These included:

- Representatives from council go to student union nights
- More condom drives
- Brand image of SRC – t-shirts?
- At the start of the year council go to lectures and introduce themselves + SRC esp. President for first years
- SRC 'Drink' - Shirley Temple?
- Involve GUST & Subcity to help promote
- At election time all council members who are not running for positions could advertise elections e.g. lecture call outs
- Minibus timetable hand out sessions
- On minibuses having newsletters
- At registration having leaflets
- Bigger drive at Student Halls during Fresher's Week
- Further Training for Council Members
- Societies 'big up' SRC at society events
- Further collaborations at unions – more attendance at board meetings?
- SRC Projector/Muriel at union nights

After discussion Council agreed Freshers' Helpers should wear bright T-shirts promoting the SRC more to Freshers'. As T Eriksson will be responsible for co-coordinating Freshers' Week, M Boyd will speak to her about it. Council also agreed that the SRC Freshers' Fayre stall should have more interesting information rather than a pen and a leaflet and that more events between the Unions and GUSA take place with members supporting them. These recommendations will be passed to next year's Sabbatical Officers.

SABBS

L Laws was delighted this paper was submitted and informed Council a page will be created on Facebook for comments on the discussion board.

ACTION

14 AOCB

14.1 Hetherington Research Club

S Bates, the Hetherington Research Club President gave a brief overview of the events which led up to the closure of the Club. In December 2009 a new Committee was elected which included a new Treasurer who had been unable to locate any proper form of accounts or records spanning the last couple of years. Further investigation revealed the Club had had major financial problems for the last five years. Following an external audit the Hetherington Research Club closed in January. It is understood the University will take on the debts.

In March an EGM was called and a new Committee was elected. S Bates was elected President and charged to prepare a business plan and will now meet with the Secretary of Court on April 6 to present the plan. The Committee would like to turn the HRC into a type of 'Hub' for Postgraduate and Mature students.

S Bates will keep Council informed of any developments.

14.2 G12 Theatre

F Weber met with the Head of Department to discuss the proposal by Central Room Bookings to close the G12 Theatre and turn it into a conference room.

L Laws will contact the Head of Department.

LL

14.3 Sports Science

A Cohen raised the matter of a member of staff in Sports Science not having their contract renewed which could have a detrimental effect on exam preparation and marking for honours students. A Cohen will speak to the student reps.

AC

14.4 Glasgow Pride & Fair

An email will be circulated to next year's Council to find out who will be available to attend the above event on 17 July 2010.

TG

L Laws thanked everyone for attending, the meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.