

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 19th OCTOBER 2017 AT 6 PM
IN THE WILLIAMS ROOM, MCINTYRE BUILDING**

Present: As per sederunt

Apologies: Kirstin Leslie, Chris Holdsworth, Mhairi Harris, Hussein Al-Jouz.

Attending: K Fraser, B Hay, A Cuthbert.

1: Welcome

SRC President, K Powell welcomed council members to the first meeting of the 2017/18 session.

2: Minutes and matters arising

The previous Council minutes were approved by council.

L McDougall gave an update to the previous Council Meeting regarding a presentation from Christine Lowther (Director of Student Services) on Mental Health. Since the meeting it had been announced that the University's senior management group had allocated further funding to support mental health provision and that some of this funding would go towards the SRC's Mind your Mate training.

3: University Committee Elections

There were a number of SRC positions on UofG committees that are required to be filled for the new academic session 2017/18.

The following council member was elected by secret ballot for a clear majority: **SRC Assessor on court** - Elliot Napier

Learning and Teaching Committee

- Arts – Ryan Rutherford
- Social Sciences - Jen McKeown
- MVLS – Antonia Da Fonesca Ioannou
- Science & Engineering – Scott Kirby

Student Support Development Committee - Matej Ballaty

Academic Dress Committee - Struan McLean
Military Education Committee - Patrick Aasen
Deans of Graduate Studies - Flynn Gewirtz O'Reilly
Researcher Development Committee - Kirstin Leslie
Health Safety and Wellbeing - Sophia Garkov
Hunterian Strategic Development Board - Emma Hardy

Library Committee (1UG & 1PG)

- Bethan Hall Jones – UG
- Mhairi Harris - PG

Learning Enhancement & Academic Service (LEADS) (1UG & 1PG along with VP Education)

- Stephen Brown - UG
- Jen McKeown - PG

Scotland's Rural College Liaison Committee - Matej Ballaty

4) Council Reports

4.1 SRC President: Kate Powell

4.1.1 Student code of Conduct - K Powell notified Council that the university is looking to change the University Calendar to a contract format. Currently the university is investigating what student data it would require for this and K Powell will present a report on this to future council.

4.1.2 Student over-recruitment

K Powell expressed concern about the increase in student numbers and noted that there was issues regarding the impact the increased numbers would have on the exam timetable as well as the possibility of exams possibly being scheduled in the revision period and weekends due to space constraints. The SRC Executive had raised these concerns regarding over-recruitment directly with the Principal and a letter from the Executive would be sent to the University's Senior Management Group and circulated to Council.

Q: X Weiss asked if there was an upcoming MyCampus upgrade. K Powell advised that an update to Moodle would be in February but it unlikely there will be any major updates to MyCampus in the near future.

4.2 VP Education: Hannah May Todd

4.2.1 Adam Smith Business School Project Development Board

H Todd updated Council that the proposed new building as part of the Adam Smith Business School will have dedicated PGT space but won't be in place until 2020 once development is complete

4.2.2 Moodle v Basecamp

A report on the future of Moodle and possible alternatives was due to go to Learning and Teaching committee imminently. H Todd advised that she would brief L&T SRC delegates before the next meeting and advise Council of any possible developments.

4.2.3 Student Teaching Awards'

Nominations for the STA's open on the 6th November and there would be a publicity drive to encourage nominations. Information would be circulated to Council members and H Todd would be looking for volunteers from council to help publicise the event and the nomination process in the run up to February.

4.3 VP Student Support: Lauren McDougall

4.3.1 Mind Your Mate training

L McDougall informed Council that there has been excellent feedback regarding the MYM sessions, with many attendees saying that they now feel better equipped to support students in crisis. The SRC would build on this success by organising sessions open to students as well as offering sessions specifically for interested clubs and societies.

4.3.2 Let's Talk about Sexual Violence

These training session has seen continued success and feedback from the previous years training had been utilised to improve the training for this year as well as reflecting changes to University policy. L McDougall hoped this would lead to more students taking part in the training as well as the continuous improvement seen so far.

4.3.3 Black History Month

An SRC organised event "Confronting Glasgow's Colonial Past" was due to take place on the 30th Oct. Council members were encouraged to come along and also to help share details of the event on social media.

4.3.4 Mental Health and Wellbeing Action Plan

This plan has now been launched and focused on both short term and long term support for students and their mental wellbeing while at Glasgow. This action plan and had been circulated across the University and the SRC would continue to work with the university throughout its implementation.

4.3.5 Student Parent Policy

A Student Parent Policy is currently under development and is a collaboration between the SRC and Equality and Diversity Unit. The Student Parents' Network is now an SRC managed network and it was expected that feedback from the network would be used to develop this policy.

4.4 VP Student Activities: Pritasha Kariappa

4.4.1 New Club and Socs induction

P Kariappa informed Council of a renewed focus on support for societies with the introduction of advanced workshops to provide information to Clubs and Societies seeking training on events/fundraising as well as dedicated session for C&S room bookings and other admin related activities delivered by the SRC admin staff.

4.4.2 Clubs and Societies Working Group

P Kariappa informed Council that a working group had been established to look at the proposal to move C&S affiliations online and making further improvements to the affiliation process for Clubs and Societies and possible areas to work on over the course of the year.

4.4.3 Raising and Giving Committee

Council members were encouraged to apply to the RAG committee for this year and encourage others to apply to the committee.

4.5 PG MVLS Convenor: Kirstin Leslie – written report noted

4.6 International: Hussein El Ajouz – written report noted

4.7 Computing Science: Stephen Brown - written report noted

4.8 Humanities: Emma Hardy – written report noted

4.9 Mathematics & Statistics: Muhammad Fahd Asif -written report noted

4.10 General Rep: Xavier Weiss - written report noted

4.10.1 Interdisciplinary fayre

X Weiss gave an update to council on his proposal, the aim of which was to work on helping students find possible research and collaboration opportunities as well as showcase research opportunities to students at the University.

S Kirby noted that projects similar to the Fayre proposal are organised at the School level within the university and it may be useful to speak to these groups to avoid duplication of efforts.

5: Black and Minority Ethnic Political Shadowing Scheme- Lauren

The University's Equality and Diversity Unit had notified the SRC that there was an opportunity for BME students to participate in this shadowing scheme that aims to assist under represented groups to learn more about and become engaged in Scottish politics. The details had been circulated to Council members.

6) Period Subject Reviews (PSR's) – Hannah

H Todd informed Council that the six-yearly period subject reviews for Modern Languages & Cultures, Open Studies, Management, Music, Medicine, Law, Education, and Physics and Astronomy were due to take place this year. The focus of PSR's would be good/best practices as well as precipitating change where needed in subjects. Council members were encouraged to apply and further details would be circulated to interested candidates. The deadline for applications would be the 1st November.

7) AOCB

S Kirby suggested that there was potential for using Slack as a medium for council information dissemination and to ease communication between SRC representatives as an alternative to Facebook. K Powell advised that she would raise the possibility with the SRC's IT coordinator.

8: Next meeting

9th November at 6pm in the Williams Room, McIntyre Building.

This would be on the following Council meeting's agenda.