

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY THE 27TH OCTOBER 2022 AT 6.00 PM
WILLIAMS ROOM/ZOOM

Present: As per sederunt

Apologies:

Attending: P Swinton, G Connor, J Small

1) Welcome, Apologies and Sederunt

R Väre thanked those who attended Council Training. Materials from the weekend will be circulated in due course. She encouraged all Council members to communicate with their line managers on ongoing work and to familiarise themselves with J Small's presentation on social media guidelines.

R Väre said Council members must attend a minimum of 3 Council meetings per year to have their role recognised on their HEAR. Absences for valid reasons are permitted and these should be accompanied by apologies submitted prior to the meeting.

R Väre drew Council members' attention to the SRC lanyards available and encouraged members to take them.

2) Minute of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

M Mojsiej asked if individual Council members' contributions to debates could be recorded in the minutes for accountability reasons.

R Väre said meeting minutes are not intended as a verbatim script of a meeting but rather as a general record of a meeting. If Council members have a specific contribution they would like recorded in the minutes they should contact Representation.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

R Väre said the SRC is in regular communication with GU Amnesty regarding the Stop Killer Robots campaign (a motion which Council

passed at the previous meeting). The SRC plan to publish an update on the campaign in the coming weeks.

3) Housing Issues

Following the statement released by the SRC earlier in the semester on housing issues, Väre reassured Council that the SRC are in regular communication with the University on this issue. The SRC has sought to ensure communications on the issue to students are timely, accurate and effective and that support provisions/policies are in place for the remainder of the academic year and next year. While some developmental factors leading to these issues are outwith the University's control, the SRC has demanded that the University assess its recruitment practices and student numbers to avoid future issues.

The SRC has lobbied for the University to send out a mass email to students, signposting the accommodation support/advice available, as well as a survey designed to garner an accurate picture of the housing situation. Council members will be updated on the progress on these in due course.

The SRC has been in communication with Unhoused Students who have provided valuable feedback on the housing situation.

R Väre said all UG students outwith the Glasgow area (who applied before the deadline) were offered places in halls, however, there were around 100 students from this area who were denied University accommodation. In addition, hundreds of PG students from around the world were unable to secure University accommodation. 20-30 students are currently in hotels while the University seeks to find permanent emergency accommodation solutions. The University hopes that places in halls will be available to these students from January due to exchange students leaving. Previously free, emergency accommodation will now cost £640 per month in line with the cost of halls. The SRC has expressed concerns regarding this as students in this accommodation do not have access to the same facilities as those in halls and are experiencing issues such as costly Wi-Fi charges. To mitigate these issues, the University is providing catering cards to students, however, the hope is more support will be made available. The SRC will continue to raise these concerns and Council members are encouraged to relay any concerns they are made aware of.

R Väre said if any student approaches a Council member seeking accommodation support they should be directed to The Advice Centre or Student Services. Council members should not attempt to advise.

T Frater asked if there was an update on how the 'Glasgow area' is being defined.

R Väre said this is based on the 'G' postcode. The University has said this can be difficult to determine however, so students in this area have had the opportunity to state their individual cases with these being assessed on a case-by-case basis. This policy will be in place again next year with the 'commutable distance' criteria remaining undefined.

T Pu asked if students staying in hotels could be informed of updates on accommodation support.

R Väre said the mass email the SRC is lobbying the University to send out will inform students of the accommodation options and support available. She said the hope is the University will provide rolling updates to students in hotels as more accommodation options become available.

T Anderson said the University does not view staying with friends as homelessness. He asked what the SRC's view on this is.

R Väre said the University is not planning to release a definition of homelessness. It hopes students with accommodation difficulties will come forward for help. Students with nowhere to live are being given priority with regards to accommodation support.

R Whip asked what the University is doing to support international students with accommodation issues as well as students who moved home for summer and now cannot find accommodation in Glasgow.

R Väre said such students should approach The Advice Centre or Student Services for help. Emergency accommodation in hotels/serviced apartments is available, with the hope halls places will become available in January. The mass email and survey the SRC is hoping the University will send out will also aim to raise awareness of the support available.

H Busquier Cerdan asked if the University plans to build new accommodation.

R Väre said there are long-term plans to build new accommodation but the University has secured nominations for spaces in PBSAs in the city centre for next year. While the SRC agreed to this approach, it has made it clear that relying on PBSAs is not a sustainable, long-term solution.

T Frater asked how many students did not begin their degrees because of the University's instruction that students should not begin their studies without securing accommodation first.

R Väre said she does not believe the University has figures for this. She said this would have mostly affected international PG students.

O Saleh asked if the University will accept less students next year given that many students deferred for a year. He said, if so, would it be a particular cohort of students whose entry numbers would be limited.

R Väre said the SRC is encouraging the University to limit its student intake. She said University senior management hope not to increase student numbers next year because of the impact it has had on accommodation. She said even if the student numbers remain the same, she believes there will still be major housing challenges next year owing to Glasgow's housing market being unable to accommodate all the students leaving halls. The University has said the increased number of bedspaces in PBSAs will help here. R Väre said there will also be consequences for international partners and exchange students because of the housing issues, with some students who were due to begin their studies in January now being turned away. She said she believes this will be the case next year also.

T Pu asked if the SRC could encourage estate agents to find homeowners with available accommodation for students. He also asked if students could have their tenancy agreements checked over.

R Väre said The Advice Centre can advise on student tenancy contracts. She said the SRC is planning to campaign for Glasgow City Council and the Scottish Government to review the policies which are contributing to the housing crisis and make them aware of the challenges facing students in this regard.

T Pu asked if Council could work with the Advice Centre to contact the housing department to address the issues facing students.

R Väre said this could potentially be done. She added that there is currently an app in development (developed by a recent UofG graduate) which aims to connect students with responsible landlords/letting agencies. The University is in contact with the developers and the Sabbatical Officers plan to meet with them soon. Council members will be updated on developments.

P Su asked how many students were able to secure housing through the SRC's Flatshare service.

G Connor said there has not been a significant number of adverts placed on Flatshare, since many adverts were from students looking for flatmates, as well as the SRC being limited to only posting adverts from students (rather than landlords/letting agencies). There are plans to expand the service slightly and the SRC Advice Centre would be able to provide a more detailed update on this.

H Busquier Cerdan asked if there will be an academic impact on 1st year students who deferred for a year and who might be required to defer for another year.

M Levesque said the University were in the process of developing a Suspension of Studies policy last year. This was not approved at EdPSC, however, the University has implemented a similar, non-formalised policy to allow continuing students who deferred their studies to retain student status for a year.

H Busquier Cerdan asked if students going into 1st year who deferred for a year would have to apply through UCAS again.

M Levesque said she believes this scenario would only be treated as a deferral and that students would not need to apply again.

R Väre said the non-formalised policy would apply to 1st year students who completed registration before deferring. She said the SRC has asked the University to ensure it contacts students who have deferred for a year to ask if they are ready to take up their studies next year.

A Ng said she believes students who contacted Accommodation Services did not receive adequate support. She asked if the SRC could investigate this.

R Väre said if there any specific cases of students not receiving support then Council members should contact her with details so this can be investigated.

I Zhoulikha Kassous said she is aware of the UK Guarantor Scheme offered by the University but said there is no support in place if a private landlord requests the completion of additional paperwork.

R Väre asked I Zhoulikha Kassous to email her with further details on any specific cases of this issue arising so she could bring this to the University's attention. She added that there is no cap on how many students can apply to the Guarantor Scheme this year.

K Kurmaly asked if the SRC could promote the accommodation support available to students using its own communication channels. He expressed concern that the University may next year downplay the severity of the housing crisis based on their current figures of 20-30 students living in hotels, when the reality (from Council members' accounts) seems to be more than that.

R Väre said information on accommodation support has been included in the SRC newsletter and regular posts about The Advice Centre are a feature of the SRC's social media. She said the SRC believes this information would reach students more effectively if issued by the University but that K Kurmaly's comments were noted.

K Kurmaly asked how students could access more information on the Guarantor Scheme.

R Väre said this information is on the University's website. She said she would investigate whether there is a contact email listed.

M Levesque said the Advice pages on the SRC website also contain information on the scheme.

4) Student Numbers

The SRC will launch a campaign w/c 07/11/2022 asking the University to commit to a moratorium on student numbers for the next 5 years. This timeline was chosen as it aligns with the University's Estates Planning Scheme and allows for the time needed to lobby Glasgow City Council to make changes that would be significant to the housing market and for any builds/adjustments to be made to University-owned housing. The

moratorium would specify no growth beyond 1200 students and this would be in line with the normal growth rate for UK universities. A press release is planned, outlining the aims and reasons for the campaign. In addition, a more detailed document with information gathered from University committees will be sent to the University Principal, with the plan being to pressure the University to commit to the moratorium publicly. With a public commitment from the University, the SRC would then lobby Glasgow City Council and the Scottish Government to take action such as increasing funding to the Scottish Funding Council (so there is no longer a reduction in places for Scottish students) and improve the housing situation in the city for students.

Three main areas of student life will be outlined in the document which will be shown to the University Principal: student welfare, education and the student experience. The hope is that after the press release, the SRC will meet with the University's admin personnel to outline its request, negotiate with them then potentially issue a joint statement saying the University is committing to this course of action for its students and that it and the SRC will work to lobby Glasgow City Council to make positive changes for students in the area. The press release will be sent to Council members prior to being publicly released.

T Atsegoh asked if the University has increased its intake of Scottish, RUK or international students this year.

R Väre said numbers have not yet been confirmed but an update will be provided in the coming weeks.

5) Brief update on strikes

The SRC expressed its support for the recent Unison strikes in its monthly newsletter. All 4 campus unions currently have a mandate for strike action but no further details have been confirmed. Regarding the Unison strikes, the University has formally proposed to the trade unions a 3% uplift, with this being higher for employees at Grade 20 or below. This is currently being negotiated and, if accepted, will be effected from the end of November and backdated to August.

3 of the ongoing disputes are taking place on a local level, however, the UCU dispute is on a national level. If UCU strikes are announced a Council consultation will be held to determine the SRC's response.

K Kurmaly said he is Chair of the Labour Society. He said staff at Glasgow University (and at universities across the UK) have seen a 25% pay cut over the last 10 years. He said a 3% uplift is therefore unsuitable, particularly given the University's financial reserves. He said the Unison strikes are historic for Glasgow University and that many students at the University are also part of Unison and UCU. He said the SRC is required to represent all students so further statements on the strikes may be required in the future. He added that all 4 campus unions having a mandate to strike is a historic moment and that future action from the SRC in support of the strikes will be required to ensure it is on the right side of Glasgow University history. He asked if an official statement on the strikes could be issued if the University's offer is rejected and whether the SRC could offer support to the unions.

R Väre said a statement on the Unison strikes had been prepared but, due to various factors including the fact it would have been released after the strikes happened, the SRC's support was communicated via its newsletter. She said, with Council's approval, future statements could be issued.

M Mojsiej acknowledged there was not a full Council in place when the SRC's support of the Unison strikes was announced, however, he asked if Council could be consulted before any future statements on strike action are issued.

R Väre said Council would be consulted where possible but noted that the SRC's Executive Officers have certain powers to make decisions without consulting Council. She said this decision was taken considering there was not a full Council at the time and the Autumn Election had not yet taken place. She said that M Mojsiej's comments were noted.

R Whip acknowledged the validity of the reasons for the strikes but asked why students should support industrial action if their student experience has already been severely disrupted by covid, offline learning and the cost-of-living crisis.

R Väre said the SRC's stance on strike action could be discussed and formulated at a Council consultation following the announcement of any future action.

K Kurmaly said the unions also fight to control student numbers as these directly affect staff workload. He said students and staff are campaigning for the same goals in this regard so, logically, students should support the strikes to increase the pressure on the University to meet the moratorium on student numbers.

6) Widening participation representatives – Hailie Pentleton

The Sabbatical Officers propose that two Widening Participation positions be added to Council. The 2 positions will be overarching and shall represent the interests of all students who fall within the Widening Participation category. The Sabbatical Officers believe these are groups of students who are not adequately represented on Council at present but are becoming increasingly relevant to the SRC's ongoing work and who deserve to have clear access to, and a space on, Council. H Pentleton said it has been recognised that the input of students with lived experience is necessary for Widening Participation work. H Pentleton explained which student groups fall into the WP remit and said the proposed change would be simple to implement as Council is permitted 50 positions and it currently has 47.

H Southall asked if there would be any further requirement over-and-above student status to be a WP representative.

H Pentleton said it would be expected that the student fulfilling the role would have lived experience of the specific group of characteristics they are representing.

D Correia asked if the roles would be split into one UG representative and one PG representative.

H Pentleton said it is not envisaged that the roles would be split based on academic background, however, this could be discussed further if Council members wished.

D Correia asked for detail on the responsibilities of the roles.

H Pentleton said the responsibilities would be the same as those outlined for the other Welfare and Equal Opportunities officers on Council, with the added criteria of lived experience.

D Correia asked if the criteria for 'lived experience' would be clarified.

H Pentleton said students undertaking the role would be asked if they have lived experience, however, they would not be required to provide evidence of this.

D Correia asked if the roles would be up for election in the Spring Election.

H Pentleton confirmed they would.

M Mojsiej asked what the advantage of two representatives would be, considering each other welfare role only has one.

H Pentleton said there are multiple groups which fall under the Widening Participation category that the University uses (including student carers, adult learners, and students from low-income backgrounds). She said the Sabbatical officers feel two representatives would more adequately represent the interests of this spectrum of students.

R Väre said the groups in the Widening Participation category are not traditionally well-represented within Council's existing positions. As such, having two positions would hopefully encourage increased participation.

M Mojsiej asked if they would both be called Widening Participation Representative.

H Pentleton confirmed they would.

P Moran Ruiz asked if each role would receive the same working remit or if each would represent the interests of different WP student groups.

H Pentleton said the representatives would both work generally on similar projects, however, the lived experience of those undertaking the roles may inform more targeted work. Both representatives would sit on the University's Widening Participation subgroup but would also have the scope to work on their own individual projects.

M Bah asked if current Council members with lived experience relevant to Widening Participation would have the opportunity to contribute to the work of these roles.

H Pentleton said contributions from Council members to other areas of Council work, outwith their own, are always welcome.

H Busquier Cerdan asked if these representatives would be involved in any working groups or committees.

H Pentleton said she is currently undertaking a review of the University's Student Carers Policy and that the University's other student support policies will soon be up for review. As such, the Widening Participation representatives would have the opportunity to provide valuable input to these projects, among others, in the coming years.

R Väre proposed a show-of-hands vote on adding two Widening Participation representatives to the Council structure.

The majority of Council members voted in support of adding these positions to the Council structure.

7) Welcome Week – Katie Fish

R Väre said Welcome Week 2022 experienced the highest event attendance to date.

K Fish said the week was very successful with lots of new events being staged, including many crafts-based events. The first College Mixer event was also a success, allowing students to socialise within their own academic communities. Other highlights included an outdoor cinema screening which attracted over a hundred students and an in-person Welcome Address (the first since the pandemic).

R Väre congratulated K Fish and the Freshers' Helpers on the successful organisation and delivery of Welcome Week.

P Moran Ruiz noted the drop in helper numbers mentioned in the report and asked if there were plans to try and increase numbers.

K Fish said the drop-off in student interest for helper positions has been a trend across the student bodies. She said it may be linked to the predominance of online events and the fact that students have had limited opportunities to connect with the student bodies due to the pandemic. Promotional social media content has already been filmed to encourage engagement with the student bodies for next year's Welcome Week.

T Frater asked why there was a drop in helper numbers between the start and end of Welcome Week.

K Fish said 120 Freshers Helper positions were offered and 100 students accepted these. Historically the number of role acceptances has always been around 10% lower than the number of offers.

8) Elections to University Committee Positions

Court Assessor (2 min speech) –

T Atsegoh delivered a 2-minute speech.

O Saleh delivered a 2-minute speech.

T Anderson delivered a 2-minute speech.

T Frater delivered a 2-minute speech.

P Su delivered a 2-minute speech.

Council voted and T Anderson and T Frater tied on votes.

T Anderson delivered a 1-minute speech.

T Frater delivered a 1-minute speech.

T Frater was elected Court Assessor.

LTC – College of Arts

Kayz Kurmaly delivered a short speech and was elected unopposed.

LTC College of Social Sciences

T Pu delivered a 1-minute speech.

C Bodapunti delivered a 1-minute speech.

I Zoulikha Kassous delivered a 1-minute speech.

T Pu was elected.

LTC College of Science and Engineering

H Busquier Cerdan delivered a short speech and was elected unopposed.

LTC College of MVLS

P Su delivered a short speech and was elected unopposed.

Student Experience UG

S Grover delivered a 1-minute speech.

V Palomar Connessa delivered a 1-minute speech.

H Southall delivered a 1-minute speech.

J Prashant Desai delivered a (pre-recorded) 1-minute speech.

V Palomar Connessa was elected.

Student Experience PG

E Makhoul delivered a short speech and was elected unopposed.

Academic Dress Committee

O Saleh delivered a 1-minute speech.

H Southall delivered a 1-minute speech.

O Saleh was elected.

Military education committee

A Symington delivered a short speech and was elected unopposed.

Health Safety and Wellbeing Committee

N O'Brien delivered a 1-minute speech.

T Frater delivered a 1-minute speech.

N O'Brien was elected.

Hunterian Strategic Development Board

T Anderson delivered a short speech and was elected unopposed.

Library Committee

PG – T Pu delivered a short speech and was elected unopposed.

UG –

O Saleh delivered a 1-minute speech.

M Bah delivered a 1-minute speech.

M Bah was elected.

Scotland's Rural College Liaison Committee

H Southall delivered a short speech and was elected unopposed.

The Student Voice and Equality Framework Working Group

P Moran Ruiz delivered a 1-minute speech.

I Zoulikha Kassous delivered a 1-minute speech.

P Moran Ruiz was elected.

CIVIS

A Saxena delivered a 1-minute speech.

A Ng delivered a 1-minute speech.

A Kukreja delivered a 1-minute speech.

T Anderson delivered a 1-minute speech.

M Mojsiej delivered a 1-minute speech.

P Su delivered a 1-minute speech.

H Busquier Cerdan delivered a 1-minute speech.

O Saleh delivered a 1-minute speech.

T Atsegoh delivered a 1-minute speech.

P Moran Ruiz delivered a 1-minute speech.

Miko Mojsiej was elected.

Arnav Saxena was elected.

Tony Anderson was elected.

R Väre asked for a Council member to volunteer to assume some of the responsibilities of the Disability Equality Officer.

A Ng confirmed she would be happy to assist with the duties of this role.

9) Council Reports

a) SRC President: Rinna Väre

R Väre, H Pentleton and T Killean sit on the University's Cost-of-Living Action Group. The University has agreed to allocate £600k to the Hardship and Discretionary funds (split across the funds). Suggestions from the group for short-term support include financial help with transport costs and the provision of food on campus. The latter would

be done via a community fridge and by University catering signing up to a service such as Too Good to Go. There has also been discussion of increasing the number of water fountains on campus.

An action plan is currently being devised for the Student Experience Strategy. Specific projects for the strategy are being discussed and the plan is that a consultation will take place with Council for feedback. This will be during a Council meeting or possibly a separate meeting.

Council will be consulted on the Student Onboarding project in due course. Council members with feedback on the registration and enrolment process are encouraged to contact R Väre.

Council will be provided with an update on the SRC's Student Numbers campaign in due course.

H Southall asked if there are plans for greater provision of hot water on campus.

R Väre said she is not aware of any plans but agreed to investigate this. She noted that the Fraser Building's catering services are due to re-open next week.

A Symington said students often face significant difficulties with enrolment and registration and do not receive adequate support. He asked if the aim of the Student Onboarding Project would be to provide a guide for this process or if it would aim to provide more support for students in this area.

R Väre said the project is open to any feedback on the student onboarding process. She said the complex nature of the registration and enrolment process has been identified as an issue. A key goal of the project is to make the process smoother.

M Mojsiej asked if the SRC, in the interests of fairness, has considered giving election candidates a set campaign budget.

G Connor said this has not been raised before but could be discussed for future elections given the current cost-of-living crisis.

R Väre said most campaigning takes place on social media and noted a decrease in campaigning during the Autumn election. She said, however, this idea could potentially be discussed ahead of the Spring Election.

H Southall asked if it was a good idea to give out a cash budget to candidates during a cost-of-living crisis.

R Vare said the matter could be discussed more in-depth later in the year and would be included on the agenda of a future meeting.

b) VP Education: Micaela Levesque

The SRC is on the project board for the Estates Department's Multi-Use Building. Discussions are ongoing on how the building's space will be used and the SRC has advocated for space to be designated for club and society use. Further updates on the project's development will be provided in due course.

M Levesque provided an update on the Exam Sustainability Project. A major challenge facing the project is the fact that the exam timetable cannot be created until students are registered. This has resulted in the exam timetable being released late in the term. M Levesque has advocated for earlier communications when staff know which Schools will have online (rather than in-person) exams, however, this does not solve the issue of the timetable being released late. The SRC is providing feedback to the project as discussions progress.

M Levesque highlighted that the SEC will be used for exams this year. She said Council members with any feedback to provide on this should contact the Sabbatical Officers.

Timetabling are investigating the lack of provisions for disabled students at the Wellington Church. The University hopes to not use the space in the next academic year, however, no alternative space has been identified for the next term. Alternative teaching methods are being considered and Council members with ideas/feedback to offer should contact the Sabbatical Officers.

The University will be installing more Echo 360 units for better recording access over the Winter timetabling period. This will not be

implemented everywhere so Council members with feedback on spaces (smaller spaces in particular) which require this technology should contact the Sabbatical Officers.

M Levesque said a current, prevalent issue stems from the University's Good Cause system being vague in its terms, resulting in difficulties for students. The SRC is trying to put the system on the agenda for discussion at the Academic Standards Committee and Academic Regulations Subcommittee. In the meantime, any Council members with concerns or feedback to share should contact the Sabbatical Officers.

The SRC will discuss the PGT student experience/journey at the LTC Away Day. The discourse on this will question the value of PGT programmes and advocate for better experiences for students on these programmes.

M Levesque will co-lead the newly established Student Voice Working Group. The aim of the group is to improve the student experience for those in representation spaces.

P Moran Ruiz asked if the SRC was contacted before the University rejected students from University accommodation.

M Levesque said the date of the meeting in her report (04/08/22) was the first time the SRC was made aware this would be happening. She said the SRC pushed for the University to release communications on this as soon as possible.

O Saleh asked if all exams would be held in person this year. He said online exams during Covid helped ease timetabling difficulties and they also made exams more accessible for international students who could travel to their home countries and sit their exams there.

M Levesque said there is information on the Exam Sustainability Project page which describes how certain exams are prioritised to be in-person rather than online. Externally accredited courses are given priority, while all courses which do not fall within a set list of academic requirements default to online. With regards to international students sitting their exams from home, the exam timetable would have to be released earlier than it currently is for this to be possible. M Levesque

said she is providing feedback on this to the project group and believes any changes in this regard would not be implemented until next year.

O Saleh asked if the University could arrange transport for students to travel to the SEC for exams.

M Levesque said the University has no transit services in place as it cannot provide a service on the same scale as the city's services. She said Good Cause can be applied for if a student struggles to attend exams due to the failings of transport services. Any students who require help submitting a Good Cause claim should contact The Advice Centre. M Levesque noted the additional strain on exam timetabling caused by the Winter graduations which have been implemented due to the rise in the number of PGT students.

c) VP Student Activities: Katie Fish

K Fish has been working to address the need for increased space on campus for clubs and societies. A survey has been sent out to clubs and societies to gather feedback on the issue. K Fish asked Council members with knowledge of potentially suitable off-campus spaces to contact her.

K Fish asked Council members to contact her if they had suggestions for persons deserving of an honorary degree. She can then feed these back to the Honorary Degrees Committee.

K Fish said there will be a trick-or-treat event on Halloween at the Welcome Point, as well as a pumpkin-decorating event in the Williams Room.

d) VP Student Support: Hailie Pentleton

H Pentleton is leading on a consultation regarding the review of the Student Carers Policy. Focus groups will be held in November and a survey will be sent out in due course to gather insights.

The SRC will be revising its Gender Based Violence campaign. This will be a cross-campus effort and discussion will take place at a future Council meeting.

MV status on MyCampus is causing delays in enrolment for students (particularly disabled students). The Clerk of Senate and VP Learning and Teaching are reviewing the issue and attempting to resolve it.

The University is launching an online free period product service. Products will be re-usable and branding will be gender-inclusive.

The University is launching a 24hr advice and counselling telephone line. The line will be operated by trained counsellors who can refer students to CaPS for longer-term support.

Plans for Disability History Month are underway. Council members who would like to assist with the planning and organisation of the event should contact H Pentleton.

e) PG Arts Convenor: Alex Symington

A Symington said the Hetherington Building Languages Library has now been moved to the main University Library. He said he would like to see a return of the Languages Library to the Hetherington building, as it is more difficult to concentrate in the Main Library.

M Levesque said issues regarding School-specific libraries should be addressed with Schools themselves. She asked A Symington to email her regarding the issue so she could investigate the possibility of a library within the School of Modern Languages' building.

- f) PG MVLS Convenor: Ebrahim Makhoul
- g) UG MVLS Convenor: Pak Su
- h) UG Social Sciences Convenor: Ross Whip
- i) Computing School Rep: Angela Ng
- j) Humanities School Rep: Emma Murray
- k) Law School Rep: Isabelle John
- l) Life Sciences School Rep: Denver Correia
- m) Medicine School Rep: Mara Perras

M Perras referenced recent accusations of misogyny levelled at staff members in MVLS. She said the issue is being investigated and that Council will be updated on developments.

O Saleh said he has received several reports of misogynistic and racist language being used on Mentimeters during Mathematics lectures (particularly in Maths Level 2). He asked the Sabbatical Officers to investigate this.

R Väre said the Sabbatical Officers are aware of both issues raised.

M Levesque said the School of Mathematics and Statistics has been in touch with the Maths School Representative and the Sabbatical Officers regarding the issue raised by O Saleh.

R Väre said immediate action was taken to address the situation, however, any reports of similar behaviour in the future should be brought to the Sabbatical Officers' attention. Regarding the issue raised by M Perras, R Väre said there is an ongoing HR case involving the accused staff member and that this process will be concluded in due course. The SRC cannot comment at present due to the ongoing nature of the case, however, it will take appropriate action once further information is made available.

P Su asked if there was more information available regarding another HR case prior to the one under discussion, as the other case was now closed.

R Väre said she had no information on the referenced case.

- n) Modern Languages and Culture School Rep: Sara Lombardo
- o) Physics & Astronomy School Rep: Heri Busquier Cerdan
- p) Psychology & Neuroscience School Rep: Natalie van Rooyen
- q) Social and Political Sciences School Rep: Irene Libelli
- r) Charities Officer: Lewis Trundle
- s) Environmental Officer: Erika Makipere

GUEST have asked if the SRC would promote Winter Cycling Week on its social media channels. E Makipere said she would pass the content on for posting.

J Small said this would depend on the SRC's posting schedule but the SRC would accommodate this if possible.

- t) Gender Equality Officer: Valeria Palomar Conesa

- u) LGBTQ+ Officer: Pablo Moran Ruiz
- v) Mental Health Equality Officer: Tony Anderson

T Anderson said Lydia Bach (CoSE Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Officer) is keen to establish a working relationship with SRC CoSE representatives. T Anderson said he would be happy to pass on representatives' contact details.

- w) Race Equality Officer: Omar Saleh

O Saleh asked why First Year/General Representatives require Council email addresses to conduct their activities from, given their roles are less defined.

R Väre said this allows the representatives a designated inbox for their Council activities which is separate from their student mailboxes.

- x) General Rep: Chaitra Bodapunti
- y) General Rep: Theo Frater

T Frater said students have expressed discontent at the lack of cooking facilities in the library.

T Frater said students have contacted him to raise concerns regarding Glasgow Students for Life.

R Väre said T Frater should contact her with any specific concerns and she will look into these.

T Anderson said the hot water facilities in the Library have still not been fixed and that repairs are often only temporary.

T Frater said Library café staff are becoming increasingly annoyed with students requesting hot water.

R Väre said this would be taken forward as an action point.

- z) First Year Rep: Abheer Kukreja

10. AOCB

P Su delivered a proposal for an SRC Eurovision event. He said the event would raise money for charity and be staged with the help of the RAG Committee. P Su advised forming a committee for the organisation and delivery of the event. He said the hope would be to plan the event and book rooms before December. He said he does not foresee funding being required from the SRC for the event.

R Väre suggested that any Council member who wants to assist with the event should contact P Su directly. She said those working on the event should consult with K Fish to devise a plan for moving forward.

L Trundle suggested involving School representatives in the planning of the event. He offered P Su RAG's resources to assist with the planning of the event.

P Su asked if the SRC would assist in advertising the event.

R Väre said this could be discussed in more detail with K Fish.

11. Date of next meeting – Wed 16th November, 2022