

**University of St Andrews' Student Association**  
**Meeting of the**  
**Students Representative Committee**  
**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2007, Committee Room, 7:30pm**  
**Minutes**

**Present**

Tom d'Ardenne	Association President
Steve Savage	Director of Representation- elect
Rachael Whitbread	SSC Chair
Laura Wilson	Director of Representation (DoR)
Lee Kane	Director of Student Development & Activities (DoSDA)
Graeme Hamilton	Director of Events and Services (DoES)
Georgina Rannard	SRC Member for Equal Opportunities and Welfare
Rebecca Austin	SRC Member for Library and Learning Resources
Matthew Bonnaud	SRC Member for Semis
Shaun Atkinson	SRC Member for Private Accomodation
James Shield	SRC Accommodation Officer
Hope Whitmore	SRC Member for Students with Special Needs
Ann Griggs	SRC Member for Science Faculty
Sarah McCusker	SRC Environment and Ethics Officer
Sheetal Kumar	SRC Member for Arts Faculty
Sarah Lohier	SRC Member for Ethic Minorities
Scott Platton	SRC Members for Men's Issues
Rob Fett	SRC Education Officer
Zoe Gage	SRC Member for Women's Issues
Matthew Guest	SRC Member for Community Relations
Niko Brauer	SRC Member for International Students
Jon Purcell	Director of the Library

**Apologies**

Huw Jordan	SRC Member for University Accommodation
Beth Conner	SRC Member for Magistrands
Sarah Lloyd-Thomas	SRC Member for Tertians
Sally Young	SRC Member for Private Accomodation
Larry Jennings	SRC Member for Mature Students

**Absent**

Hannah-Jade Ormisher	SRC Member for Widening Access
Karleen Coull	SRC Member for Absent Students
Richard Fenner	SRC Member for Sexualities and Gender

**1.0 Adoption of Agenda**

Agenda adopted

*enclosure 1*

**2.0 Chair's Business**

**2.1. Apologies for Absence**

As stated above.

**2.2. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Accepted

**2.3 Matters Arising**

Best wishes and a card were sent to Larry Jennings who was in hospital.

**3.0 Education Officers' Business**

- 3.1** Jon Purcell, Librarian – changes to the Library over the summer. Large development of the library between 2008 and 2011. In the summer of 2008, the roof is to be replaced. Originally build for 3000 students and now having to cope with 7000. There has been a lack of investment over the last 20 years, and now the University is starting to commit to spending money on the library. An extension of 40,000m<sup>2</sup> will be built in 2009 so that the library can move into this new area as the old area is redeveloped. This should mean that the

library will be open for more hours, with more books more computers and more areas for laptop use. There is an ongoing debate for the short loan section as to whether the booking system should be kept or it should become self-issue (to allow it to be used at all hours). Book usage is to be monitored to get rid of unused books, and the loan system is to be examined with the possibility of changing loan lengths. The stock needs to work more effectively to solve reshelving problems. The area outside the library may also have stricter rules in order to minimise the noise made. A monitor should be made available in the library indicating where there are free computers, have 600 extra work spaces and have an SRC noticeboard.

#### **4.0 Presidential Business**

##### **4.1 Association President**

**4.1.1** Apologies were made for the lack of training and the required sheets were handed out.

**4.1.2** Election Rules- Causing big problems. Issues of budgets, generic posters, the pressure put on the EOC, and the value given to candidates by declaring who nominated them. Is 100 words enough? How should heckling be conducted? All problems are based on the idea of creating an equal playing field. Eventually it was decided that this debate was one for the Elections Committee and any strong opinions should be made to Tom.

*Email pres*

#### **5.0 Representation Business**

##### **5.1 Director of Representation**

None..

#### **6.0 Officers' Business**

##### **6.1 SRC Accommodation Officer**

**6.1.1** St Andrews Student Leasing- the meeting proved frustrating for students, so by the 31<sup>st</sup> May there should be more definitive information available

##### **6.1.2**

There are problems with the Terms and Condition of University accommodation, which are being investigated.

##### **6.1.3**

Green energy packs will be distributed in halls to promote energy saving.

##### **6.1.4**

**6.1.5** Still awaiting the break down of hall fees.

**6.1.6** Currently creating the first Annual Private Accommodation Survey in order to give feedback to estate agents.

Creating an unbiased guide to the council elections.

##### **6.2 Environment and Ethics Officer**

Currently planning events for Freshers Week..

##### **6.3 SRC Equal Opportunities and Welfare Officer**

**6.3.1** Gender Equality Duty- proactively addressing issues, giving subjective information to students.

**6.3.2** Big Money Survey- To give Student Services an idea of what students spend their money on, with a bias towards First Years.

#### **7.0 Services Business**

##### **7.1 Director of Events and Services.**

None

**8.0 Activities Business**

**8.1** Director of Student Development and Activities

**8.1.1** Health and Safety is a big issue especially with regard to the Crawford Arts Centre when Mermaids use it and Venue 1.

**8.1.2** Forms for the Societies' Fayre will be available in the General Office from tomorrow.

**7.1.3** Training will occur again during Orientation Week.

**9.0 Sabbatical Question Time**

None

**10.0 Officers' Question Time**

If anyone has any suggestions about how to improve the SRC could they please email Tom. *Email pres*

**11.0 Notices**

**11.1** Next Meeting of the SRC

Tuesday of Week 1

**10.2 Meetings of Sub-Committees.**

Environment and Ethics- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2007, 4pm, Committee Room

Accommodation- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2007, 2pm, Committee Room

Societies- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2007, 4pm, Committee Room

**11.0 A.O.C.B**

The Ethnic Minority Charter is in progress and an action plan will be created over the Summer.

Any ideas for Freshers Week events please email dosda.elect@gmail.com

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**12.0 Close of Meeting**