

SSC Minutes for Tuesday 29th September 2009

Present:	Association Sustainability Officer	Benjamin Bridgman
	SSC Member for Societies Grants	Carly Hollis
	SSC Societies Officer	Becca Ladley
	SSC Member for Society Elections	Clare McDonnell
	SSC Volunteering Officer	Rachel Fullerton
	Association Community Relations Officer	Holly West
	SSC Music Officer	Luke Hodgman
	SSC Broadcasting Officer	Phil Tortoroli
	SSC Performing Arts Officer	Sam Fowles
	SSC Member Without Portfolio	James McWalter
	SSC Charities Officer	Alex Dixon
	Association Chair	Emma Foley
	Association President	Andrew Keenan
	Director of Events and Services	Phil Pass
	Director of Representation	Georgina Rannard
	Director of Student Development and Activities	Matthew Guest

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. Chair's business

- 2.1 Apologies for absence- Owen Wilton, Debates Officer, Matthew Robertson, Entertainments Convener.
- 2.2 Minutes of previous meeting- accepted.
- 2.3 No matters raised.

3. Presidential business:

3.1 SSC Motion on Minutes & Spending. The Performing Arts Officer raised a question about whether in exceptional circumstances (e.g. university holidays), a sum of money of over £100 could be spent without the agreement of the committee. The President explained that agreement is needed in most cases, if there is any doubt, the **question should be raised with the Sabb** team. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Broadcasting Officer raised the issue of treasurer training, which will be taking place on **Wednesday 7th October**. Anyone else on the committee who needs training due to handling expenses can also take part in this.

The President informed the committee about developments which took place over the summer. The space-planners for the Union redevelopment were in looking at plans, accommodation requirements for societies are being taken into account and if society heads have not yet been consulted about this, they will be shortly. The Union website has been updated, though a few wrinkles still need to be sorted out. The budget goes to the finance committee tomorrow (30th September). Gmail has been instituted- mainly for personal email accounts at the moment, but societies will get there eventually.

In terms of ongoing projects- the Postgrad elections are coming up and the online voting system will hopefully soon be active. The 600 Campaign has also been initiated- watch this space.

4. Representation business: Summer business- new “innovative teaching award” for which nominations will open in week 5, new feedback policy being initiated; new ideas on

accommodation issues such as students taking photographs once they move into a new house. 25,000 condoms were ordered for Freshers' week- which the SSC heartily approved of- and this is part of a campaign with NHS Fife to improve sexual health. Sustainability: working on the 10:10 campaign for people to reduce carbon emissions by 10% by 2010. Transcripts: working on the St Andrews Award scheme to make them contain more than academic material. Working on a paper for Board about creating a new Sabbatical position to split the DoR responsibilities into two (e.g. accommodation and welfare; academic affairs)

5. Events and Services business: Freshers' Week was good- many events were sold out and there was much boppage. This Saturday there will be a FREE event at the union, with NME supplying Djs. It's FREE.

Ongoing projects include the grad ball; OTR, for which emails are forthcoming (**Charities-** contact Phil about making their fayre bigger this year). The Bop rota is also coming soon (cheer).

6. Student Development and Activities business: Yay! Freshers' Week- excellent, especially on the volunteers front; the duty managers worked very well. The SSC expressed their thanks to all involved. The Freshers' Fayre had more than 175 groups at it!

Summer goings-on included going with the Careers Centre to a conference in Glasgow concerning Aiming University Learning @ Work the St Andrews award and an immense amount of Freshers' week planning!

It was brought up that Louise Richardson didn't know about Reading Week until a meeting with the Sabbs, which somehow led to a discussion about the Foam Fight- due to the Principal's stance on the KK, **The President** may have to find a new set of people to clear up after the messy freshers.

7. Sabbatical Question Time: Room Bookings- the new online system- which is still a work in progress- includes venue two (go to the DOES for venue 1, since Phil= venue 1) and should enable you to check if a room has been booked before you go and ask Chris in the General Office to book it.

The Association Sustainability Officer brought up the new union website: if there is trouble updating a mini-site, **get in touch with the Sabbs.**

The Member Without Portfolio enquired about fixing the Skittles in the new vending machine.

8. Officers' Business

8.1- Broadcasting Officer: STAR had a good Freshers' Week with several events (Peacerave, Starfields in the bar) and 200 new subscribers. They have acquired a year long internship for 2nd years with TayFM and are will also be re-broadcast in Taiwan as part of a programme people hoping to study abroad can listen to foreign radio programmes to adapt to the culture.

Starfields broke even but this year should see STAR focusing on smaller events, such as an alternative to the bop on Friday nights and possibly a revival of "Bassface" (Union position on this?). One problem is budget requirements, as new equipment was bought but more is needed- **meet with the DoSDA.**

8.2- Charities Officer: Charities had a successful Freshers' Week with the cloakrooms bringing in over £1000 and the sandcastle competition going down well. Ongoing projects include the Sahara Trek and plans for St Andrews' Day events such as a possible ghost tour in conjunction with Ambassadors and Mermaids- **see the DoSDA.**

8.3- Design Team Convener- Absent

8.4- Debates Officer- Apologies

8.5-Entertainments Convener- Apologies

8.6- Music Officer: The problem was flagged that the Musfund committee is currently incomplete (**James, Member Without Portfolio**, indicated that he may be able to help), and EGM needs to be held (**Music Officer** to get in touch with the DOSDA). The officer is trying to create a new image for Musfund and also improve links with the Music Centre in Younger Hall. Another issue raised was that the recording studio in the Union is difficult to make use of due to STAR- the **Broadcasting Officer** to get in touch with them if you require the studio. **Music officer** to contact **Charities** about the possibility of continuing with the Jack Daniels Battle of the Bands.

8.7- Performing Arts Officer: Freshers' week was a success with many well attended events; ongoing projects include the setting up of hall drama societies to encourage those too shy to audition. Mermaids is also going to actively engage with its full membership this year.

8.8- Postgraduate Officer: Absent

8.9- Societies Officer: Over summer the Societies and Treasurers handbooks were revised.

Freshers' week went well and the reaffiliation forms are being processed. The minimum membership fee for societies has been raised to £3.

8.10- Volunteering Officer: During Freshers' Week, around 300 people signed up and there may have to be changes to the referral scheme as there are more volunteers than places. The SVS strategic plan has been rewritten and they have a new online database. SVS will be having an EGM to fill some committee positions.

8.11- Association Community Relations Officer: The community events during Freshers' week went very well, for example the ceilidh and "A Taste of St Andrews".

8.12- Association Sustainability Officer: There are several ongoing projects, such as Transition University of St Andrews which is all about community action to reduce carbon emissions.

- Revised Sustainability Policy: the policy was passed unanimously by the SRC. There was a brief debate over the wording of the policy but it was decided to leave it as it is.

The motion was passed unanimously.

9. Officer Question Time: Charities and SVS raised the issue of the Just Giving campaign which is online- **ask the President.**

10. Any Other Business: James is to organise an SSC social!

The first Sabbatical Question Time will take place on 7th October at 7pm in the Quad

11. Notices: **11.1 Next meeting:** 15^h October, 7.30pm

11.2 Meetings of Sub-committees- Mermaids- Thurs 1pm, Committee Room
Musfund- 6pm Tuesday, Main Bar STAR- Wed 7pm SVS- Wed 7pm Socs- Wed 4pm
Charities- Monday 7.30pm Sustainability and Community Relations to be arranged.