

Motion to Change the Relationship between the SRC and the SSF **(Student Support Forum)**

This SRC Notes

1. The Student Support forum is a University committee that currently meets four times a year. Its purpose is to listen to students' views on a wide range of issues, including accommodation, education, environment and ethics – but particularly equal opportunities and welfare.
2. The committee includes representatives from key groups within the University. These include:
 - a. Isobel Clifford (Accommodation)
 - b. Ailsa Ritchie (Student Support Services)
 - c. Chris Lusk (Student Experience)
 - d. Dr James Walker (University Chaplain)
 - e. PC John Dale (Police Liaison Officer)
 - f. Lara Meischke (Discipline Officer)
 - g. Matt Cox (Wardens Representative)
 - h. Roddy Yarr (Environment and Energy Manager)
3. The current format of the group allows any student to come and pitch questions to those present, and to receive answers directly and immediately. These answers are usually comprehensive and conclusive.
4. The minutes of these meetings are passed on to the University's Student Services Committee (confusingly labelled the SSC), and, the minutes of that group are passed on to the University Court – the highest decision making body within the University. Through this channel, therefore, student concerns where appropriate can go straight to the highest level of University governance.
5. Attendance of students at these meetings has been less than impressive – at no point in the last two years have more students been present than University officials. Attempts at publicising the group have resulted in minimal success.
6. The SSF has stated that it would like to hold two of its four meetings in conjunction with the SRC – one in each semester.

This SRC Believes:

1. That the expertise on specific issues relating to the University that the members of the SSF could bring to meetings of the SRC would be valuable for addressing concerns that the SRC has on a range of issues.
2. That the minutes from the joint SRC/SSF meetings going to University's SSC committee would be a good thing, for it would allow pertinent issues being raised by the SRC to potentially feed up to the University Court.

This SRC Resolves:

1. To have one joint meeting with the SSF group once a semester, to be organised between the Association Chair and the convenor of the SSF.