

MINUTES OF SRC COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 25TH APRIL 2024 AT 6.00 PM
MCINTYRE BUILDING
WILLIAMS ROOM/ZOOM

Present: As per sederunt

Apologies: T Anderson, O Saleh, A Wilson, J Lismore, M Thomson, S Blackburn

Attending: M Card, G Connor, S Cairns

- **Welcome, Apologies and Sederunt**

H Pentleton-Owens reminded Council members that the meeting was the last one of the year for the present Council.

H Pentleton-Owens shared apologies, as above.

H Pentleton-Owens reminded Council members to submit their end-of-year Conflict of Interest forms back to the SRC if they had not done so already. H Pentleton-Owens said Representation had sent multiple reminders and asked Council to respond via email if nothing has changed.

- **Minute of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising**

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

- **Council Reports**

SRC President - H Pentleton Owens

H Pentleton-Owens said, as mentioned at the last meeting, in response to an increase in university rent, the SRC was lobbying for an increase to the hardship fund to provide additional support to students. H Pentleton-Owens confirmed that David Duncan has agreed to a request for an additional £100,000 be allocated to the hardship fund by the University.

With regards to cost-of-living, the SRC has taken forward its work to improve placement transport costs. H Pentleton-Owens sent a letter to Moira Fischbacher-Smith, David Duncan and Martin Hendry - members of the University's Senior Management Group - asking them to take this forward and set up a working group to look at implementation. H Pentleton-Owens said that, from their response, it appears that the incoming SRC sabbatical officers will have a chance to help standardise the process for students getting support to pay for their placement travel costs.

Professor Sir Anton Muscatelli, Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Glasgow, announced his retirement. H Pentleton-Owens has accepted a position on the search committee to assist with the shortlisting for the new Principal

H Pentleton-Owens acknowledged the installation of the new Rector of the University of Glasgow, Dr. Ghassan Abu-Sittah, which took place 11th April 2024. The SRC posted the Rector's installation ceremony. H Pentleton-Owens expressed that the SRC looks forward to working with the new Rector for the incoming academic year.

VP Education – Ross Whip

For the next few months until the end of his term, R Whip said he plans to look at the work that he and others on Council have focused on this year. R Whip said his hope is this review allows the incoming Sabbatical Officers the knowledge and space to grow projects currently in progress and introduce new ones, as well as make sure there is a continuation of Sabbatical Officer participation on more recently introduced workstreams.

VP Student Activities – Mariama Bah

M Bah directed Council members to review the VCS Awards report, which was included in the meeting's full papers.

M Bah reminded Council members of the Spring Exam Destress activities being offered by the SRC, including the alpaca visit to campus scheduled for Friday 26th April 2024. M Bah said she would keep the Council group chat updated with incoming Destress events to encourage attendance. M Bah highlighted the free tea and coffee voucher scheme being offered during Destress that is being offered by the SRC and supported by the University's Commercial Services.

M Bah said she attended a meeting Thursday 25th April 2024 with the University regarding storage space for clubs and societies on campus.

M Bah thanked Council members at the meeting for their work and said she wished the best for them in their future endeavours.

P Moran Ruiz said that the SRC logo is included on the "desk hog" literature being left with students' items in the Library during the exam period if they have left their space unattended for an hour. P Moran Ruiz asked if the SRC was aware of their logo being used.

H Pentleton-Owens said she was aware of the SRC collaborating on the "desk hog" procedure last year; however, none of the sabbatical officers were aware of this happening during the current exam period. H Pentleton-Owens said they would raise this with the Library to see if old leaflets are possibly being used that include the SRC logo.

- **STA Report**

R Whip thanked M Rodriguez Perez and V Palomar Conesa for helping out at the last-minute to present at the 2024 Student Teaching Awards. R Whip encouraged Council members to be as enthusiastic to support H Busquier Cerdan when nominations are open for the 2025 Student Teaching Awards.

- **VCS Report**
See M Bah's Council report above.
- **AOCB**
H Pentleton-Owens thanked Council members for their service and said it was a privilege to work with them.
- **Date of next meeting** – 24th October, 2024