

**GLASGOW CALEDONIAN UNIVERSITY
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION**



Glasgow Caledonian University
Students' Association
Scottish Charity No. SC022887

CALEDONIAN STUDENT VOICE

Minutes of the (First) Caledonian Student Voice Meeting held on Monday 17th October, 2011, at 1.00 p.m. in Room M225.

1. **Sign In:** 19 members present
Chair: Graham Veale

In Attendance: M. Wilkinson: Clerk
K. Ward: RSC

The Chair welcomed everyone to the 1st meeting of Caledonian Student Voice 2011/12. It was advised that the meeting would have a guillotine time of 1 hour 30 minutes.

2. **Apologies:** 9, Student Voice members sent apologies and advised they had been unable to attend the meeting.

3. **Previous Minutes,**

The Chair called a vote and by a clear majority the members accepted that the minutes, as posted on the website of the Caledonian Student Parliament meeting held on 1st April 2011, were an accurate record of the meeting.

The Chair called a vote and by a clear majority the members accepted that the minutes, of the Executive Committee and Policy Group Meetings as posted on the website, were an accurate record of the meetings.

4. **Matters Arising**

The Chair advised that there were no matters arising and as the reports, had been posted on the website for prior viewing, asked that only highlights or additional points of note be presented.

5. Reports

Executive Committee Reports

Student President (paper: as posted on website)

The Student President wished to highlight that the Principal's Listening Event was to take place on Monday 24th October and asked the members to attend, advising it was an opportunity to put forward their issues and concerns. The SP advised that he had met with the University Trade Union Representatives to discuss the University's proposed cuts of staff benefits, stating that this matter would be raised for discussion later in the meeting.

No additional points for note or questions raised of the report

VP Education (paper: as posted on website)

The VP Education wish to ask for volunteers to help with the 'feedback campaign' to man stalls, hand out leaflets and encourage students to give their views.

No questions raised of the report

VP Wellbeing (paper: as posted on website)

No points noted or questions raised of the report.

VP Activities (paper: as posted on website)

No points noted or questions raised of the report.

Ethnic Minority Students' Officer (paper: as posted on website)

In the absence of the EMSO no points were noted or questions raised of the report.

Mature Students' Officer (paper: as posted on website)

In the absence of the MSO no points were noted or questions raised of the report.

Lesbian Gay Bisexual Trans Officer (paper: as posted on website)

In the absence of the LGBT Officer no points were noted or questions raised of the report.

Women's Officer (paper: as posted on website)

In the absence of the WO no points were noted or questions raised of the report.

International Students' Officer (paper: as posted on website)

The ISO wished to raise awareness of the growing network of support being given to studying abroad, anyone interested should contact the ISO.

At this time 1.08 p.m., the Ethnic Minority Students' Officer entered the meeting.

The Chair asked the Ethnic Minority Students' Officer if he wished to highlight any item of his report. The EMSO invited the CSV members to meet with him to discuss and help take forward his aim of having a Nationality Day, for staff and students to dress up in National costume. It was suggested that the ESMO and the International Students' Officer meet later to discuss if the idea could be developed / incorporated with International group events.

Ethical & Environmental Officer

The Chair introduced the newly elected Ethical & Environmental Officer of the Executive Committee and advised that he had not been required to submit a report to the meeting. The E&E Officer advised that he was to compile a report, on misuse of electricity around campus and in town, and asked if the members could email him if they noticed that lights were being left on, when, what times, and in what the buildings.

Office Bearer Reports

Magazine Convenor (paper: as posted on website)

In the absence of the Magazine Convenor no points were noted or questions raised of the report.

Radio Convenor (paper: as posted on website)

In the absence of the Radio Convenor no points were noted or questions raised of the report.

Taught Postgraduate Convenor

The Taught Postgraduate Convenor was newly elected and not required to submit a report to the meeting. The TPGC advised that she had nothing to present at that time.

Research Postgraduate Convenor

In the absence of the Research Postgraduate Convenor or report no points were noted or questions raised.

NUS Conference Reports (paper: as posted on website)

Of a question raised it was advised that the Executive Committee and student delegates had been and were still attending NUS conferences and any student who wished to attend any conference in the future should get in touch with the Sabbatical Officers.

Association Management Accounts- to end Sept. 2011 (paper: as posted on the website)

No points noted or questions raised.

6. Motions

6.1 Change to GCU room hire policy

The proposer presented the motion and gave a brief summary outlining the request for Students' Association help in petitioning GCU on its charges for room / equipment hire when non-GCU speakers and guests were invited along to 'free entry' student lead events. Also asking help in petitioning for a larger discount on catering services used at the student events. The Chair called a vote:

By a clear majority the motion was duly passed.

6.2 GCUSA Part-time students Officer Role

The proposer presented the motion and gave a brief summary outlining the Executive reasons for including a Part-time Students' Officer to the Executive Committee. To a question raised on attendance at meetings, the proposer explained that evening meeting could be scheduled so that the Part-time Officer would be able to attend. The Chair called a vote:

By a clear majority the motion was duly passed.

6.3 Society End-of –Year Ball Policy Change

The proposer presented the motion outlining the request for the Students' Association to lift the ban on societies wishing to host a ball. A lengthy discussion followed on what guidelines / safeguards should be stipulated in order to limit the Students' Association liability. The VP Activities explained the problems in the past and how societies got in to difficulties by not preparing nor appreciating the time and effort required to organising a large event. One student member felt that a Ball event could be held in the Refectory and that would keep cost down. It was felt that there must be guidelines in place, and no 'contract' signed unless agreed by the Students' Association. Amendment of rules and guidelines were read out and the proposer agreed that the Executive could make further changes and addition of the motion guidelines as best safeguarded the Students' Association against liability. The Chair called a vote:

By a clear majority the amended motion was duly passed.

At this point the Chair passed duty to the VP Education.

6.4 Domestic Flight Ban

The proposer presented the motion and a lengthy discussion followed of the reasoning behind the ban. Some felt that there was no real value if it was just to get an award. Others felt that the compromise, however small was significant in support of changing attitudes on environmental issues. It was argued that trips to GCU London could increase and the shorter travel time that flying afforded was beneficial in a daily round trip. The proposer reiterated, that the motion asked that students and officer should avoid booking domestic flights and seek alternative methods of travel. The Chair called a vote:

For : 10
Against : 4
Abstention : 2

Therefore by a marginal majority the motion was duly passed.

At this time, 1.48p.m., 1 Ordinary member left the meeting.

At this point the VP Education passed duty back to the Chair

At this time, 1.50p.m., as previously advised, 1 Student Officer left the meeting.

6.5 Oppose cuts to Library opening hours

The proposer presented the motion and it became evident that most agreed that the summer opening hours should remain the same. The Chair called a vote.

By a clear majority the motion was duly passed.

7. Affiliated Societies

The VP Activities asked that the affiliated clubs, Squash, Polo and Women's Gaelic Football be ratified. The Chair called a vote:

By a clear majority the affiliated Sports clubs were duly ratified.

The VP Activities asked that the Drama society be ratified. The Chair called a vote.

By a clear majority the affiliated Society was duly ratified

8. CSV Elections

8.1 Returning Officer - to Caledonian Student Voice

The SRC gave a brief explanation of the role and how the RO would act as Chair in his absence.

No Nominations

The position would be open for consideration at the 2nd CSV meeting.

Action: Clerk

8.2 Ratify - Co-opted Part-time Students' Officer to Executive Committee

In light of the outcome on Motion, item 6.2, to accept inclusion of a Part-time Students' Officer to the Executive Committee it was assumed that the members had agreed to ratify inclusion of a Co-opted Part-time Students' Officer to the Committee.

9. Dates to Note

a) Proposed Staff Strike

The Student President explained that he had been in discussions with Trade Unions of the proposed strike on 30th November. The Student President said that the Unions were supporting staff in opposing the Government change to Public Sector employee benefits. A lengthy discussion took place and some felt strongly that students should support the strike. Others felt that staff should not walk out but rally out with working hours. To a question raised the Student President advised that the Students' Association did not have a stance on this issue but that he wished to inform all students of this matter so that they could decide for themselves. The Chair asked what the Student President was asking of the Student Voice members. The SP stated that he wished to get views of more students and was asking to raise a referendum on the issue. The Chair called a vote:

17 votes For

Therefore by a clear 2 /3's majority the call for a referendum was passed.

Action: Executive Committee.

10. AOCB

To a question raised, the Student President stated that a Motion, calling for GCUSA support in Palestinian students being allowed to attend Caledonian University, could be presented to the next Student Voice meeting.

Meeting ended at 2.35p.m.

Date of next meeting

TBA



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Minutes of the (Second) Caledonian Student Voice Meeting held on Friday 18th November, 2011, at 2.00 p.m. in Room W709.

- 3. Sign In:** 21 members present
Chair: Graham Veale

In Attendance: 1 Observer
M. Wilkinson, Clerk
K. Ward: RSC

The Chair welcomed everyone to the 2nd meeting of Caledonian Student Voice 2011/12. It was advised that the meeting would have a guillotine time of 1 hour 30 minutes.

- 4. Apologies:** 8, Student Voice members sent apologies and advised they would be unable to attend the meeting.

3. Previous Minutes,

The Chair called a vote and by a clear majority the members accepted that the minutes, as posted on the website of the Caledonian Student Voice meeting of 17th October 2011, was an accurate record of the meeting.

Executive Minutes

The Chair called a vote: For : 9
Against : 0
Abstention : 7

Therefore minutes of the Executive Committee minutes as posted on the website, were duly accepted as an accurate record of the meetings.

Apologies were given that the Policy Group minutes had not been posted on the website prior to the meeting.

{Clerk's note: Policy Group minutes had now been posted on the Students' Association website.}

4. Matters Arising

4.1 Referendum – students view on strike action

The Student President reported that he had received no feedback from students on their thoughts about the proposed strike action earmarked for 30th November. The VP Education explained that whilst he could see that the subject of staff pensions did not directly concern students wished to point out that it would affect everyone who was employed in the Public Sector, now, and in the future. Members voiced their support of the strike. To questions raised the SP explained that once Trade Unions had served notice, that a strike would take place, the University would circulate building closure information.

In light of poor feedback from students, Student Voice member's vote was unanimous to abandon holding a referendum.

Caledonian Student Voice member's vote was unanimous in support of the strike and that the Executive Committee issue a statement of support, and ask that the University, take precautions that a strike should not impact greatly nor disadvantage students.

5. Reports

The Chair advised that as reports had been posted on the website, Office Bearers could highlight items and members ask questions of the reports.

Executive Committee Reports

Student President (paper: as posted on website)

The SP wished to highlight that he had been in discussions with Registry and was in support of their aim to request that the University top up the fee waiver budget, a scheme that can assist Part-time students attend University.

To a question raised regarding slow/intermittent internet connection within Caledonian Court residence, the Student President said he would meet with the student to discuss that matter after the meeting.

Mature Students' Officer (verbal)

The Mature Students' Officer outlined her role and advised that she had set up a webpage networking site to offer information and support, the aim to encourage feedback from Mature Students.

VP Activities (paper: as posted on website)

To a question raised the VP Activities explained that in previous years GCU shared a rugby development co-ordinator with Strathclyde University but it had little success. It was felt that creating a student intern post, to work solely for GCU rugby, would work better. The VPA stated that funding to make that possible had been offered by SRU and could therefore only be used for that purpose. The VPA advised that no other sporting body had offered to fund any other sports club within the Students' Association.

International Students' Officer (paper: as posted on website)

To a question raised the International Students Officer confirmed that all International student group Presidents would be invited to the International group meeting to discuss the campaigns structure, advising that a date of the meeting had not yet been set.

Ethnic Minority Students' Officer (paper: as posted on website)

The EMSO wished to extend an invite to all members to email should they wish to get involved in organising the National Day event in Trimester 2. To questions raised it was suggested that advertising on facebook and also contact ISS to spread the word could help attract volunteers.

Association Management Accounts- to end Sept. 2011 (paper: as posted on the website)

No points noted or questions raised.

6. Motions

6.1 PSW Motion

The proposer presented the motion and gave a brief summary outlining the request that for those International students who wished to submit Dissertations early, the University should make provision and allowed them to do so. The members had a lengthy discussion of the many points put forward:

- How could this possibly be put into practice at such short notice – external markers would have to be notified and engaged?
- Because of a new Government ruling, students who had applied for 2010/11 placement had now been disadvantaged and would miss out on applying for 'Post Study Work' Visa because they would not have the Dissertation mark back in time for the cut off, April 2012.
- Students have paid a lot of money and the University should support those students who want the option to submit work early.
- Do you think it fair that some students could have longer to hand in their dissertation?
- That would not matter to students who, for varying reasons want to apply for the PSW Visa, and want to be able to submit and have their results early.
- Would be good to support but would it be practically possible at this time?
- Would students be ready to submit work if the University granted the option?
- It was pointed out that the motion if passed would be effective for the purpose to support 2010/11 students.

By a clear majority the motion was duly passed.

The VP Education offered to speak with the students who had raised and proposed the motion.

The Chair stated that for the purpose of debate of any motion, members who abstain should make known their reasons during the debate – anyone not taking part in a vote would be classed as an abstainer.

6.2 Saltire Centre Corporate Events Motion

The proposer presented the motion and gave a brief summary outlining the

points of the motion. During a lengthy discussion various points were put forward and questions raised:

- Q. What alternative space was available to hold large events?
- A. The Refectory and its extension; Deeprose Theatre; room M201.
- Q. Do you think the University would agree with students; that student's studies should have priority over events?
- A. The Student President said yes, if a campaign was strong enough.

The Sabbatical Officers felt that by inviting the Library staff to discuss the problems students were facing that could go some way to initially highlight the issue. Although events were not continuously being held in the Saltire Centre, when they were, more especially round exam study times it was very disruptive for the student.

- Q. Why then was the Students' Association holding the Allister Boyd Ball in the Saltire Centre?
- A. The Student President advised that the Ball had originally been booked to be held in the Refectory but the University had overridden that plan.

Some members felt quite strongly that the building was a Library and should be used for the sole purpose of student studies. The Chair called a vote:

The vote was unanimous in support of the motion.

6.3 Zero Tolerance to Sexual Harassment Policy Motion

The proposer presented the motion and many members put forward their view in support of the motion. To a question raised it was explained that procedures, set within Welfare Department, were already in place for anyone to come forward with a complaint of sexual harassment. It was explained that the Motion was a starting point for campaigners who wished to highlight, the specific issue of sexual harassment, and once accredited would remain policy even if no more campaigns were run by any future elected Women's Officer. The Chair called a vote:

By a clear majority the motion was duly carried.

7. Affiliated Societies

The VP Activities asked that the affiliated Societies, LGBT Society; Games Society, and affiliated Sports club, Cycling Club be ratified.

By a clear majority the affiliated Societies and Sports club were duly ratified.

CSV Elections

Returning Officer - to Caledonian Student Voice

The SRC explained the limited extent of the role advising that the post holder would assist in annual Executive Elections, attend NUS conference and, in the Chair's absence, step in as Chair to Caledonian Student Voice,

Nominated: Ashleigh Lyons

Therefore **Ashleigh Lyons** was duly elect as Returning Officer for CSV.

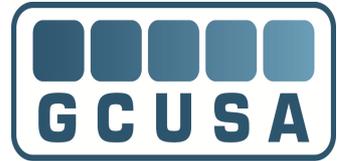
9. Dates to Note

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| 24 th Nov 2011 | - | Health & Life Science Graduation Ball |
| 1 st Dec 2011 | - | Christmas Race Night at O' Couture |
| 1 st Dec 2011 | - | EMSO meeting, 1pm NH112 |
| 25 th Jan 2012 | - | Law Society Guest Lecture |

10. AOCB **None**

Meeting ended at 3.05 p.m.

Date of next meeting
TBA



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CALEDONIAN STUDENT VOICE

Minutes of the (Third) Caledonian Student Voice Meeting held on Thursday 9th February, 2012, at 5.00 p.m. in Room A526.

5. **Sign In:** 19 members present
Chair: Graham Veale
CSV Returning Officer: Ashleigh Lyons

In Attendance: M. Wilkinson, Clerk
K. Ward, RSC

The Chair welcomed everyone to the 3rd meeting of Caledonian Student Voice 2011/12. It was advised that the meeting would have a guillotine time of 6.30 p.m.

6. **Apologies:** 9 Student Voice members sent apologies and advised they had been unable to attend the meeting.

3. Previous Minutes

The Chair called a vote and by a clear majority the members accepted that the minutes, as posted on the website of the Caledonian Student Voice meeting held on 18th November 2011, was an accurate record of the meeting.

Minutes of Sub-committees

The Chair called a vote and by a clear majority the minutes of the Sub-Committee meetings, as posted on the website, were duly accepted as an accurate record of the meetings.

4. Matters Arising

The Chair advised that there had been no matters carried forward from the

previous meeting.

5. Reports

The Chair advised that reports had been posted on the website and asked the Student President if he wished to add to, or highlight, any aspect of the Executive or Office Bearer reports.

The Student President wished to highlight that Nominations for the forthcoming student Elections would close at 2pm on Friday 10th February. The SP also asked that all 4th year and final year students take the time to complete the National Student Survey.

The Chair invited members to ask question of the reports.

To a question raised of the No Smoking ban on campus the VP Wellbeing explained that the University was taking a different approach to try and encourage no smoking on campus. The University was looking for more positive ways to help students to quit smoking by themselves. The University were campaigning to raise awareness of the dangers of smoking and were looking at ways to offer students' counselling and also looking at the cost of erecting smoking shelters around campus that would take smokers away from building entrances.

At this time, 5.10 p.m., one CSV member entered the meeting.

A CSV member wished to congratulate the VP Activities for the success in raising sponsorship from Glasgow Taxis towards City of Glasgow Cup events over the next 3 years. Of a question raised the VPA explained the procedure of set up and purchase of society event tickets costing £4 or less.

A question was raised of a point presented at the previous CSV meeting. The VP Education explained that he had spoken to the various schools on the subject of International Students being allowed to submit their dissertation early in order that they could submit results, before the April 2012 cut off date, to apply for a PSW UK visa. The VPE explained that SH&LS had been able to resolve the issue for affected students, the other schools had not. The VPE advised that he had enlisted the help of NUS and was looking to have the Education Minister lobby the Government. The VPE advised that he would give an update on response, in his report to Student Voice.

At this time 5.35 p.m., one CSV member was excused from the meeting.

6.2 Committee Election Motion

It was explained that as the issue was a change to the SA Constitution that a 2/3's majority vote was necessary.

The proposer presented the motion and gave a brief summary outlining the new timeline election process and how the change would help towards a smooth handover of committee members and the uninterrupted activity of the club, society, group or committee. To a question raised it was explained that adopting the new format would be compulsory for 2011-12. However, it was agreed that consideration would be given to a few groups that, by the very nature and structure of their group, would be permitted to follow through and adopt the new timeline election process in 2012-13.

The vote was unanimous; therefore the motion was duly carried.

6.3 Society End of Year Ball Policy Change Motion

The proposer presented the motion and gave a brief outline, a summary of communications from submission of the original motion to Student Voice in 2011-12, and how it had been subsequently reviewed and altered by the Students' Association's Trustee Board. The proposer gave a summary of his reply and asked that the Student Voice members consider whether the points raised, merited further review of the motion by the Trustee Board. After a lengthy discussion the proposer explained that he felt it was not feasible to have students pay up to a year in advance and the policy was in effect a ban on the Law society holding a ball. To a question raised it was explained that Student Leaders Ball and Sports Ball were funded solely through sponsorship. The proposer asked members to support that the motion be presented to the Trustee Board for further review. The members agreed that a separate vote be taken of the 3 points highlighted in the motion paper:

Point 1

- Have costings/fundings/plans reviewed at least once during the process [implication is that this should be done by the Societies Policy Group]
- Liaise closely with the GCUSA Executive, principally the VPA

The Chair called a vote: For : 16

Against : 0
Abstention : 1

Therefore the point was duly carried and would remain as part of the motion.

Point 2

We further move that the proposer of this motion be mandated by CSV to put together a report, in conjunction with whomsoever CSV deems appropriate, into the successes and failures of balls over the period 2009-2011.

The Chair called a vote: For : 5
 Against : 8
 Abstention : 4

Therefore the point was not carried and would be removed from the motion.

Point 3

We further move that the proposer of this motion be present at the next meeting of the trustee board, or that a meeting be set, so that the proposer can speak in favour of this motion and present findings to the entire board.

The Chair called a vote: For : 17
 Against : 0
 Abstention : 2

Therefore the point was duly carried and would remain as part of the motion.

Therefore, with member's agreement that the motion would be re-presented to the Trustee Board and that the proposer was invited to the meeting to speak in favour of the motion.

At this point the Chair passed duty to the CSV Returning Officer explaining he wished to contribute to discussion of the following motion items.

6.4 NUS Global Justice - Eden Springs and Veolia Motion

The proposer presented and gave a summary of the issues of the motion. The proposer explained that whilst the Students' Association did not have contracts with the companies mentioned wished to have members support of the NUS led campaign. During a lengthy discussion some members expressed a view that NUS was putting forward a political issue, and felt that support for the

motion should not be for a few but all students. Other members felt that many students did not see that issues and conflicts going on in other countries had an immediate effect on them. The proposer informed the members that the Students' Association already had a motion in place - to mandate the Students' Association to put pressure on GCU not to engage with Eden Springs, and wished to reaffirm that, and also include a similar mandate for GCU's non association with the company Veolia.

The Chair called a vote: For : 14
 Against : 4
 Abstention : 1

Therefore the motion was duly carried.

To a question raised it was confirmed that 19 members were present and the meeting was quorate.

6.5 Referenda on use of computer in the Library Motion

The proposer presented and gave a brief summary of the motion.

At this point the CSV Returning Officer passed duty back to the Chair.

At this time 6.28 p.m., the members were asked to vote on continuation of the meeting and by a clear majority members agreed a guillotine time of 7 p.m.

The Chair passed duty back to the CSV Returning Officer.

As the discussion continued some members put forward their points of view and concerns. It was explained that the purpose of the motion was to put forward these questions to all students on campus by way of a referendum.

The vote was unanimous; therefore the motion was duly carried.

7. Affiliated Societies

The VP Activities asked that the new affiliated Sport, Dance Club, be ratified.

By clear agreement the affiliated Dance Club was duly ratified.

10. Dates to Note

Due to time constraint this item was not raised.

11. AOCB None

Meeting ended at 7.00 p.m.

Date of next meeting

TBA



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CALEDONIAN STUDENT VOICE

Minutes of the (Fourth) Caledonian Student Voice Meeting held on Monday 5th March, 2012, at 2.00 p.m. in Room A526.

- 7. Sign In:** 17 members present
Chair: Graham Veale
CSV Returning Officer: Ashleigh Lyons

In Attendance: M. Wilkinson, Clerk
K. Ward, RSC

The Chair welcomed everyone to the 4th meeting of Caledonian Student Voice 2011/12. It was advised that the meeting would have a guillotine time of 3.30 p.m.

- 8. Apologies:** 12, Student Voice members had sent apologies and advised they had been unable to attend the meeting.

3. Previous Minutes

The Chair called a vote and by a clear majority 13 For to 3 Abstentions the members accepted that the minutes, as posted on the website of the Caledonian Student Voice meeting held on 9th February 2012, was an accurate record of the meeting.

Minutes of Sub-committees

The Chair called a vote and by a clear majority 12 For to 5 Abstentions the minutes of the Sub-Committee meetings, as posted on the website, were duly accepted as an accurate record of the meetings.

4. Matters Arising

4.1 Visit to other Unions

The VP Education presented the paper and explained that the Sabbaticals visited 4 English Students' Unions, Manchester Metropolitan University, Sheffield Hallam University, Leeds University and Sheffield University to see how they operated as a charity, how they engaged with students, learn about their representative structures and democratic procedures and how they used their building and services.

The VPE explained that the most noticeable difference was of the representative structure in that none of the Universities had Lay Officers but each actively encouraged its students to express their views through liberation or minority groups and at forums that fed into a Student Council. Each University looked to gather as many students' views as possible, by encouraging campaigning, empowering representative groups to canvas, feedback, discuss and feed ideas and issues to Student Council rather than put forward a motion, as the Students' Association does.

At this time, 2.10 p.m. 1 member and 1 observer entered the meeting.

The VPE said that the other Universities used their building to maximum advantage to promote their Sabbatical Officers, what they were currently working on and utilised wall space to promote their values and aims. The VP Activities said that sport had a big presence on each campus with distinct committee and group lead roles with collective election for sports, societies and activities posts that were held at a highly promoted annual event, a great opportunity for all the groups to get to know one another.

The VPE asked the members for their views of the recommendation of the paper presented. To a question raised it was explained that a cross section of students would be invited to the Forums, perhaps a small payment as incentive to encourage those students not actively involved within the Students' Association to participate and in turn, the ideas and issues would then be presented to Student Voice. One thought was to set up a 'feasibility panel' to judge the ideas before they were put to a vote at Student Voice.

At this time, 2.15 p.m., one member entered the meeting.

The members had a lengthy discussion of the proposal on restructure of the Executive Committee. Some felt there was still a place for Lay Officer. The VPE

explained that the role of lead and spokesperson for the liberation and minority groups would still continue, but not as a formal seat on the Executive. It had been felt that the time Lay Officers spent at meetings would be of more value engaged with students, that matters reported and raised at Executive meetings was for the most part a conclusion of issues.

To a question raised it was felt that a change of name of Disabled Students' Officer to Disabled & Dyslexic Students' Officer would generate a better response as it had been found in the English Unions' that students could identify with and were interested to help raise the profile of concerns dyslexic students had and in turn became less embarrassed talking with disabled students about their concerns.

At this time, 2.20 p.m., one member entered the meeting.

The topic of a Union Bar was raised and the VPE stated that the idea of bringing back some sort of bar service on campus had been an item of discussion throughout his term in office but felt that more research was necessary so that it was a service fit for purpose, in the right location, and most importantly sustainable and not just a bar for a bars sake.

As discussions continued the VPE and VPA asked the members to give some more thought to the democratic restructure and what was the best process for representing student, and asked that Student Officers raise the subject with class reps to get their views. The VPA said that changes to the representation structure of the Students' Association would be proposed at the next Student Voice meeting.

5. Reports

The Chair advised that reports had been posted on the website and asked the Student President if he wished to add to, or highlight, any aspect of the Executive or Office Bearer reports.

The Student President wished to highlight that he had attended NUS Scotland Conference, that it had been good fun and most successful as Robin Parker had been voted in as NUS Scotland President for a 2nd term.

The Chair invited members to ask question of the reports.

One student member wished to say well done, that the Carbon Footprint Initiative was very good, and also liked the idea of a text messaging service between the student and the University.

Association Management Accounts- to end January 2012 (paper: as posted on the website)

The Student President stated that he had nothing to add to the report that he was happy with the accounts that funds were allocated to the end of year so expenditure should be fine.

No questions were raised of the Management Accounts

At this point, the Chair passed duty to the Student Voice Returning Officer explaining that for the purpose of presenting the next item would be seconder to the motion as the proposer had not yet arrived at the meeting.

6. Motions

6.1 Bar Referendum Motion

The Students' Association Returning Officer stated that point 3 of Resolves must be struck from the motion before it was presented. That the point was not legal as it breached the Constitution of Charity Law.

The Chair explained that, as the democratic process required, had put his name forward as seconder in order that the motion could be presented, but held no view and opened the motion to the floor for discussion.

Of Resolves 2, it was felt that turn out for a referendum was likely to be very low as there was not enough time and resources to promote it. The VP Education stated that he had discussed the issue for the past 9 months and did not feel there would be any benefit in holding a referendum. As members continued the discussion it was felt that there were more relevant issues to be campaigned for and perhaps the Bar topic could be discussed at a forum. It was pointed out that the Students Association Survey would be circulated shortly and students could make comment through that avenue.

At this time, 2.35 p.m. 2 members entered the meeting.

The discussion continued at length, some felt that there should be more research carried out to see why the previous bars had failed, how and what ideas should be discussed, of whether the Students Association or an external company would want to take on a bar again and also not assume that what students said they wanted 2 years ago was what they would want now. It was said that not all students wanted a bar on campus, there was so much competition that any bar on campus would have to give serious discount to pull students in. The proposer stated that he presented the motion in order to generate the debate.

Of the Chair's call for a vote, stated that as only 2 voted For, it was conclusive the motion had not carried.

Therefore the motion to raise the BAR referendum duly failed.

6.2 Vote of No Confidence Motion

Faraz Magzi - Ethical & Environmental Officer

The VP Wellbeing informed Student Voice members that the Ethical & Environmental Officer had, since the previous meeting, breached the 3 strike rule, non attendance without apologies to 2 meetings and non submission of a report. The VPW added that the E&E Officer had not given any assistance in the three major areas of the role, towards and at Go Green Week, Fairtrade Fortnight and Green Impact Award and felt it was unfair that he carry on in the post.

In reply the Ethical & Environmental Officer, apologised to the members and spoke of his families plight in their homeland, of trying to cope with studies, maintain a job, advised he had no internet access whilst at work or home to pick up emails and asked that he be given a chance to redeem the situation; stating that if he was unable to meet future commitments would resign himself.

The VP Wellbeing informed the E&E Officer that, following the members' vote to retain him in the role at the previous Student Voice meeting, was the second chance to have shown commitment to some of the workload. The VP Wellbeing sympathised with the E&E Officer of his personal dilemma, family commitments, and work and study priorities and explained that he should have

contacted the Executive Committee of his predicament earlier so that those issues could have been discussed and a solution found.

The members were sympathetic of the E&E Officers situation, some expressed their concerns that with everything taken into consideration and in the run up to exams felt to step down in order to focus on more important personal issues would perhaps be best. It was felt that the non attendance at meetings, when studies clashed was less relevant than the fact that the requirements of the role had not been fulfilled. The E&E Officer again asked for consideration and stated that would step down from the post if he was unable to apply some time to the duties of the role.

The Chair called a vote: For removal : 17
Against : 3
Abstention : 1

Therefore by a 2/3's majority, the vote of no confidence was duly carried. Faraz Magzi was removed from the role of Ethical & Environmental Officer, also from Caledonian Student Voice and the Executive Committee.

At this point the CSV Returning Officer passed duty back to the Chair

At this point an Emergency Motion was called:

6.3 NUS Delegate Elections

The Proposer asked that Elections for NUS Conference delegates be held earlier in order that GCUSA motion items could be submitted timeously to both NUS National & Scotland Conferences. As discussion continued it became evident that members were in support that GCU students should be able to contribute topics and issues of the wider discussion at the conferences. The members had a short discussion of how, where, when and who should cast a vote in the elections whether they be cross campus or members of liberation and ethnic minority groups.

To the Chair's call, the members vote was unanimous that NUS Conference delegate elections be held earlier in the Academic year.

7. Affiliated Societies

The VP Activities asked that the new affiliated Societies, Mechanical Engineering Society and RAG Society be ratified.

By clear agreement the affiliated Societies were duly ratified.

The VP Wellbeing wished to advise that the Students' Association chosen charity for Trimester 2 was Save the Children.

8. Student Elections Results

The Students' Association Returning Officer informed members that the official number of votes cast in the student elections was 2,207 and had been the highest number to date. The RO gave a summary of the results. Of the Library referendum advised that there had been an overwhelming vote for an automatic shut down, on computers idle for 45 minutes, and of a Ban on use of Facebook on the 3rd floor in the Saltire. The Sabbatical Officers would take this forward and present the evidence to the University.

Action: Sabbatical Officers

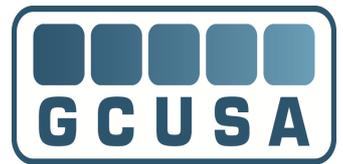
9. Dates to Note

- 9th March** - Lord Robert Reid – speaks at GCU
- 15th March** - Student Leaders Awards
- 21st March** - Caley Olympics
- 21st March** - Caley Conference
- 22nd March** - Caley Conference
- 22nd March** - Star Awards
- 23rd March** - Caley Conference
- 18th April** - NUS Women's Conference

10. AOCB None

Meeting ended at 3.29 p.m.

**Date of next meeting
TBA**



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GLASGOW CALEDONIAN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

CALEDONIAN STUDENT VOICE

Minutes of the (Fifth) Caledonian Student Voice Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd April, 2012, at 5.00 p.m. in Room M230.

- 9. Sign In:** 18 members present
Chair: Graham Veale
CSV Returning Officer: Ashleigh Lyons

In Attendance: M. Wilkinson, Clerk
K. Ward, RSC
3 student observers
1 life member observer

- 10. Apologies:** 7, Student Voice members had sent apologies and advised they had been unable to attend the meeting.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the fifth and final meeting of Caledonian Student Voice 2011/12. It was advised that the meeting would have a guillotine time of 7.00 p.m.

The Chair advised a change to Standing Orders and explained that Mr Douglas Chalmers, a Media & Journalism Lecturer had been invited along to speak about the University's decision to charge students who required to re-sit exams or re-take modules.

Mr Chalmers informed the Student Voice members that he was President of UCU Trade Union and gave a brief explanation of the different Trade Union bodies and who they represented. Mr Chalmers gave a short talk of his views and how he felt the value of Scotland's education system was under threat in the present economic climate and was against the University raising charges to its students to re-sit exams or re-take modules. Mr Chalmers gave a brief summary of the Unions involvement against redundancies of the University's restructure and said that UCU would back the students and would raise a

statement of support in the campaign against the charges. He stated that the charges would hit those students who could least afford it and felt as a tutor there were better ways to help student who were experiencing difficulties with course work.

Mr Chalmers thanked Student Voice members for the invite to speak and said he would be happy to receive their views on how the University could provide better management and support for students, advising they could get in touch with UCU via the website.

Mr Chalmers left the meeting at 5.18 p.m.

The Chair passed duty to the Student Voice Returning Officer and explained that he wished to enter into discussion of the Re-sit Rip-offs Motion that would be presented at that time.

6.3 Resit Rip-offs Motion

The Proposer gave a summary of the Motion informing the Student Voice members that the charges went against the Universities own social mission. The proposer advised that in addition to an online petition, NUS support, emailing MSP's, asked the Student Voice members to support the campaign and come along to the Principal's Listening Event.

6.3a Campaigning – Stop Student Voice being mandated Motion

To a call for, point 3 of Resolves to be removed from the Motion, the proposer said that he had intended the point to be a request, not a demand, and had no objection if that point was deleted. The Student President wished to apologise for his lack of foresight of the importance of the charges issue when it was first raised by the University in August 2011.

The Chair called a vote of the motion (with point 3, of Resolves, deleted)

With a vote of 17 FOR, it was conclusive the Resit Rip-offs motion was duly carried.

The Student President wished to encourage members to come along to the Principals Listening Event in the Saltire Centre at 12.30, on 4th April 2012.

At this point the CSV Returning officer passed duty back to the Chair.

3. Previous Minutes

The Chair called a vote and with 15 For, it was accepted as conclusive, that the minutes as posted on the website of the Caledonian Student Voice meeting held on 5th March 2012, was an accurate record of the meeting.

Minutes of Sub-committees

The Chair called a vote and with a conclusive show of hands the minutes of the Sub-Committee meetings, as posted on the website, were duly accepted as an accurate record of the meetings.

4. Matters Arising

None

5. Reports

The Chair advised that reports had been posted on the website and asked the Student President if he wished to add to, or highlight, any aspect of the Executive or Office Bearer reports.

The Student President wished to highlight that the Students Association had submitted a funding bid for a multi-purpose sports court and also advised that the Sports Ball had been a great success. The SP also wished to highlight that the University would remove Peer Assisted Study Support (PASS). Wished to congratulate and also inform the members that the VP Wellbeing, and Ethical and Environmental Intern would be travelling to Manchester in April to accept the 'Gold' Green Impact Award and whilst in Manchester the VPW would be in attendance at NUS Womens' Conference together with the E&E Intern and 2 student delegates.

No questions were raised of the Reports

Association Management Accounts- to end February 2012 (paper: as posted on the website)

The Student President stated that he had nothing to add to the report. Of a question raised of a £5000 Sports overspend explained that once 'due' sponsorship monies had been received the sports account would balance.

At this point, the CSV Returning Officer passed duty back to the Chair.

6. Motions

6.1. Revising the Students' Association Governance Structure and By-Laws

The proposer presented the motion and put forward the proposed changes to the governance structure and by-laws of the Students' Association. The proposer gave a brief summary of the CSV sub-committees/policy group changes, the addition and discontinuation of Convenor role/remit amendments to Student Voice. The proposer explained that following on from the report of the visit to other Unions at previous Student Voice meetings, had further discussed the matter with Lay Officers at the Executive Committee meetings. The proposer explained that the change to the Executive Committee were seen as a way to encourage more active involvement with the student body as a whole, rather than lay officers using their allotted volunteer duty time to attend Executive meetings.

6.1a. Amendment to Motion (paper)

To a call for an amendment of the Motion, in that one section of the by-laws, 2.10.17 c, should read, ' Shall be elected by the Societies Executive at the first meeting of Trimester A', was accepted by the VP Activities and therefore would form part of the motion.

6.1b. Amendment to Motion (paper)

One Student Voice member proposed an amendment of the motion in that Lay Officers were not removed from the Executive Team as it was felt that liberation and minority groups should still be represented. It was explained that the groups would still be represented by the group elected Convenor who would liaise with students and Student Voice. The Student Voice members had a lengthy discussion of, Lay Executive meeting attendance, of why, when and how student groups would be supported, also of who, when and how ideas would be put forward and how those ideas could be taken forward as campaigns. It was felt that some ideas would not necessarily need to be a

campaign that once put forward could be acted on and resolved quickly. The Chair called a vote of the proposed amendment:

For : 5
Against : 11
Abstention : 2

Therefore, the call that Lay Executive Officers should NOT be removed from the Executive Committee, FAILED.

The Student Voice members continued to discuss the various points of the motion. It was explained that the amendment to Trustee Board appointments was not a change but was a re-wording to make that clause less ambiguous and members were advised that the Executive Committee did not deal with staffing issues. The VP Education explained that it was felt that the Sabbaticals spent too much time writing reports, that very few students ever bothered to read, and wanted more time to engage with students. The members discussed their concerns that the minority groups would not be supported. The VP Wellbeing stated that representation of the liberation groups, International students and those students in Halls of Residence was a fundamental part of the VPW's remit. The VP Education reiterated that the change was innovative but felt that less bureaucracy and a different method of approach to communication should increase student awareness of the Students' Association and the Ideas Forum was a new concept that would hopefully lead to wider student representation with more student involvement. The Chair called a vote of the motion which should include the motion amendment of Agenda item 6.1a:

For : 15
Against : 2
Abstention : 1

Therefore, by a 2/3's majority the Revising the Students' Association Governance Structure and By-Laws motion was duly passed.

6.2. Executive Officers CSV Voting Rights

The proposer presented and gave a summary of the motion and a lengthy discussion ensued. Some members felt that the Sabbatical Officers should not have a vote at Student Voice as it was felt that their views could influence a vote. It was said that as students elected the Sabbaticals to represent then they should have a vote as it was likely they would be backing what the students wanted. The members discussed lack of member support at SV meetings and

how low attendance could also affect the outcome of a vote. It was felt that if Sabbaticals were asked to put forward an idea on behalf of a student that they should have the right to vote on that issue.

At that time, 6.40 p.m. the Women's Officer left the meeting.

The Chair called a vote:

For : 4
Against : 11
Abstention : 2

Therefore by 2/3's majority the motion FAILED

The Chair called an addition to Standing Orders and explained that a Vote of No Confidence, of 3 separate Student Voice members, was to be presented:

6.3 Vote of No Confidence

Katrina Delgano - Taught Postgraduate Convenor

It was explained that the Convenor had not attended 3 consecutive meetings and had not sent apologies.

The VPE spoke in favour, explaining that the Convenor was a Student Voice member by default and had attended Education Policy Group meetings and was actively involved in that area. Some members felt that the convenor should have made the effort to attend one meeting or at least apologise for non attendance. The Chair called a vote:

For : 6
Against : 2
Abstention : 10

Therefore **Katrina Delgano** was, 'deemed to have resigned', from the role as Taught Postgraduate Convenor of Student Voice.

Gabriel Adegbite – Research Postgraduate Convenor

It was explained that the Convenor had not attended 3 consecutive meetings and had not sent apologies. The Chair called a vote:

For : 10
Against : 0

Abstention : 7

Therefore **Gabriel Adegbite** was 'deemed to have resigned', from the role as Research Postgraduate Convenor of Student Voice

Kris Wright - LGBT Officer

The VP Wellbeing informed Student Voice members that the LGBT Officer had missed some meeting but was not using the 3 strike rule, to raise the vote of no confidence, but rather the LGBT Officer's inconsistency and lack of commitment to the remit and the lack of support and promotion of relevant campaigns and events. The Student Voice members had a short discussion. The VP Education said that the role was demanding and perhaps more encouragement and support would make a difference. One member felt that by not making an attempt to attend meetings could be seen as an act of 'self' resignation. The Chair called a vote:

For : 6

Against : 1

Abstention : 10

Therefore, the vote of no confidence was duly carried. The LGBT Officer was removed from the role, also from Caledonian Student Voice and the Executive Committee.

At this point the CSV Returning Officer passed duty back to the Chair

7. Affiliated Societies

The VP Activities asked that the new affiliated Societies, Media Society; GCU London Luxury Society; GCU London Students' Society; Psychological Society, be ratified.

By clear agreement the affiliated Societies were duly ratified and acknowledgement of name change, that 'Environment & Sustainability Society' would now be known as Glasgow Caledonian Green Society.

At that point the Chair passed duty to the Returning Officer

8. Elections

Chair of Caledonian Student Voice

The Chair advised on the student member role, and called for nominations.

Nominated: Ewan McLean

Seconded: Keri McDonald

Therefore **Ewan McLean** was duly elected

Returning Officer of Student Voice

No Nominations

Therefore the position would be open for consideration at the 1st CSV meeting of 2012/13. **Action: Clerk**

Student Representative on University Senate

The VP Education gave an explanation of the role and the chair called for nominations:

Nominated: Danielle Borrett

Seconded: Simon Ward

Nominated: Cameron Shaw

Seconded: Keri McDonald

Nominated: Ewan McLean

Seconded: Graham Veale

The Returning Officer advised that the decision would be by single transferable vote. Nominees were asked to give a short speech on why they should be elected. The RO advised that he would notify members of the results later in the meeting.

At that time, 7.05 p.m., one member was excused from the meeting

Undergraduate Student Representative Learning & Teaching Sub-committee

Nominated: Emelia Todrova
Seconded: Keri McDonald

Therefore **Emelia Todrova** was duly elected

Postgraduate Student Representative Learning & Teaching Sub-committee

No Nominations

Therefore this position would be open for consideration at the 1st CSV meeting of 2012/13. **Action: Clerk**

9. Dates to Note

4 th April	-	Traverse Wall Opening & Competition
4 th April	-	Principal's Listening Event
5 th April	-	Snowsport's White Party
11 th June	-	Sabbatical Handover

10. AOCB

Election Result

1. Student Representative on University Senate

The Students' Association's Returning Officer called the result of the single transferable vote and advised that **Danielle Borrett** was elected as Student Representative on University Senate.

The Chair advised that he would accept nominations for Honorary Life Membership of the Students' Association:

2. Honorary Life Membership Nominations

Nominated : Haroon Farooq
Seconded : Simon Ward

Nominated : Rory Herron
Seconded : Simon Ward

Nominated : Sinead McIntosh
Seconded : Simon Ward

Nominated : Janika Fuchs
Seconded : Keri McDonald

Nominated : Jen Buntin
Seconded : Amy McLean

Nominated : Wayne Burrows
Seconded : Peter Hollier

Nominated : Jamie Carr
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Seconded : Simon Ward

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Nominated : Julia Mabruk
Seconded : Peter Hollier

Nominated : Michael McKillop
Seconded : Simon Ward

Nominated : Katie Wood
Seconded : Peter Hollier

Nominated : Cheryl Ross
Seconded : Peter Hollier

Nominated : Keri McDonald
Seconded : Matte Andrews

Nominated : Matt Wilberton
Seconded : Simon Ward

Nominated : Sandhya Anantharaman
Seconded : Keri McDonald

Nominated : Sharifa McLean
Seconded : Graham Veale

Nominated : Jenny Gorman
Seconded : Peter Hollier

Nominated : Ashleigh Lyons
Seconded : Graham Veale

The CSV members wished to thank and wish good luck for the future to the Chair and Student Voice Returning Officer and the best of luck to the elect Sabbatical Officers who would come into office from mid June 2012.

Meeting ended at 7.10 p.m.

Date of next meeting

TBA