



Glasgow Caledonian University
Students' Association
Scottish Charity No. SC022887

GLASGOW CALEDONIAN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

GLASGOW CALEDONIAN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' PARLIAMENT

Minutes of the (First) Caledonian Students' Parliament Meeting held on Friday 8th October 2010, at 2.00 p.m. in Room NH208.

1. Sign In:

20 members present
Chair: Sharifa McLean
Co-Chair: Andrew Craib

Clerk: M Wilkinson

In attendance: Kevin Ward, RO

2. Apologies: 7 CSP members sent apologies advising they were unable to attend the meeting.

Late arrival at 2.14 p.m.: A. Smith, VPSS.

The Chair welcomed everyone, to this the first meeting of CSP of 2010/11 advising that the meeting would have a guillotine time of 4.00 p.m.

3. CSP Minutes

The unconfirmed draft minutes of the 6th CSP meeting held on 23rd April 2010. No points noted or questions raised and the Chair called a vote:

For : 15
Against : 0
Abstention : 4

Therefore, minutes as posted on the website, were duly accepted as an accurate record.

At this time, 2.14 p.m., 1 CSP member entered the meeting, giving a total of 21 members in attendance.

3.1 CSP Policy Group & Executive Minutes

The unconfirmed draft minutes of these meetings, as shown on the Students' Association website to date. No points noted or questions raised and the Chair called a vote:

For : 16
Against : 0
Abstention : 3

Therefore, minutes on outcome of Executive and Policy Group meetings as posted on the website, to date, were duly approved.

4. Matters Arising

4.1 Caledonian Court

In the absence of the Communications Officer this matter would be carried forward to the next CSP meeting. **Action: Comms. Officer**

4.2 Social Networking – facebook ban on 3rd & 4th floor of the Saltire

The SP advised that since the discussion of facebook ban with students at Caledonian Conference the University had removed computers from the 4th floor of the Saltire. The SP advised that he was due to meet with Director of Library Services to discuss a facebook ban on 3rd floor. The SP would give an update on the responses and raise this for discussion at the next CSP meeting. **Action: SP**

4.3 Youth Media

The SP advised that the Association had not been able to contribute towards installation of Youth Media and that for this year the University had kindly paid the entire bill. The SP asked that the students fully utilise the system.

5. Reports

At this point the Chair asked that as all reports had been posted on the website for perusal prior to the meeting only addition points of note be presented and

called on the Magazine Editor to present his report first as he had requested to leave the meeting early to attend class.

Magazine Editor Report (paper-as posted on website)

The Editor gave a brief summary of the report highlighting that team elections had taken place before the summer break to ensure that work could be progressed over the summer towards a prompt delivery of the 1st edition which should be available from 25th October. The Editor explained the team's decision to redesign and change the name of the Magazine to, The Edit, adding that a new policy for distribution of the magazine should ensure the team members responsibility to delivery.

Executive Reports

Student President's Report (paper-as posted on website)

The SP advised he had nothing to add to the report.

No additional points for note or questions raised.

At this time, 2.20 p.m., 1 CSP member left the meeting.

VP Student Development

In the absence of the VPSD no points noted or questioned raised.

VP Support & Advise Report (paper-as posted on website)

The VPSA stated she had nothing to add to the report.

No additional points noted or questions raised

VP Sports & Societies Report (paper- as posted on website)

The VPSS advised he had nothing to add to the report

No additional points noted or questions raised

Campaigns Officer Report (paper- as posted on website)

In the absence of the Campaigns Officer no points noted or questioned raised.

Communications Officer Report

In the absence of the Communications Officer no points noted or questioned raised.

Women's Officer Report (paper- as posted on the website)

The WO advised she had nothing to add to the report.

No additional points noted or questions raised

International Student Officer Report (paper-as posted on website)

The ISO advised he had nothing to add to the report.

No additional points noted or questions raised.

The Chair advised that the LGBT Officer post was vacant at this time and therefore no report submitted.

Office Bearer Reports

Radio Station Convenor

The Chair advised that no report had been submitted.

No points noted or questions raised.

Disabled Student Convenor

The Chair advised that no report had been submitted.

No points noted or questions raised.

Research Student Convenor (verbal)

The RSC introduced herself to CSP members asking for other research students to join her and with their help take forward any issues of concern.

No points noted or questions raised.

NUS Conferences

NUS International Student Conference Report (paper - as posted on website)

As submitted by Nihit Sand

NUS Black Student Conference Report (paper - as posted on website)

As submitted by Rex Idaminabo

NUS Scotland Black Student Conference (paper - as posted on website)

As submitted by Paul Balo

NUS National Conference Report (paper - as posted on website)

As submitted by Ewan McLean

In the absence of above subscribers no points noted or questions raised.

Association Management Account (September 2010)

The SP advised that he had nothing to add to the report stating that there were no concerns and he was happy with the accounts.

The Chair called for a vote on acceptance of Executive, Office Bearer, NUS Conferences and Association Management Account Reports as posted on the website:

For : 17

Against : 0

Abstention : 1

Therefore these reports were duly accepted.

Sabbatical Hours

The SP asked for Sabbatical Officers hours to be shown on the screen. The Chair explained that Sabbatical Officers received a full time wage and should be working 35 hours a week on average and called a vote on acceptance of the hours worked:

For : 14
Against : 0
Abstention : 4

Therefore Sabbatical working hours were duly accepted.

7. Motions None presented.

At this time, 2.30p.m., the Chair passed duty to the Co-Chair.

8. CSP Elections

The VPSS gave a brief rundown of the work still to be done in this area the main concern being that the Policy Group should have full membership.

Societies Policy Group (4)

Considered: Nominated: Jennifer Morrison
Seconded: Jas Sangha

Therefore **Jennifer Morrison** was duly elected

The 3 remaining positions would be open for consideration at the 2nd CSP meeting. **Action: Clerk**

Volunteering Policy Group - Ordinary CSP members (1)

The VPSS gave a brief explanation of the role. No nominations came forward from those present at the meeting but it was advised that the following members had wished to be considered:

Nominated: Jennifer Morrison
Seconded: Tomos Watts

Nominated: Arif Saleem
Seconded: Tomos Watts

The RO advised that the decision would be by single transferable vote and the ballot papers issued. The RO would count the votes after the meeting and circulate the results. **Action: RO**

{ **Clerks note: 'None of the above'** was duly elected }

Therefore this position would be open for consideration at the 2nd CSP meeting.
Action: Clerk

University Residence Convenor

The SP gave a brief explanation of the role.
No Nominations

The position would be open for consideration at the 2nd CSP meeting.
Action: Clerk

Ethical & Environmental Convenor

The VPSA gave a brief summary of the role.
No Nominations

This position would be open for consideration at the 2nd CSP meeting.
Action: Clerk

Postgraduate Students Convenor

The VPSA gave a brief summary of the role.
No Nominations

This position would be open for consideration at the 2nd CSP meeting.
Action: Clerk

INTO Convenor

The VPSA gave a brief summary of the role.
No Nominations

This position would be open for consideration at the 2nd CSP meeting.
Action: Clerk

BME Convenor

The VPSA gave a brief summary of the role.

No Nominations

This position would be open for consideration at the 2nd CSP meeting.

Action: Clerk

University Senate

The SP gave a brief summary of the role.

Nominated: Jen Buntin

Seconded: Matt Wilberton

Nominated: Tomos Watts

Seconded: Brian Reilly

The RO advised that the decision would be by single transferable vote and the nominees were asked to give a short speech on why they should be elected. Ballot papers were issued and the RO advised he would count the votes after the meeting and circulate the results. **Action: RO**

{ **Clerks note:** Therefore **Jen Buntin** was duly elected }

Learning Teaching Sub Committee

The SP gave a brief summary of the role.

Undergraduate post

Nominated: Vasilieos Vazos

Seconded: Matt Wilberton

In absence Nominated: Emma Milligan

Seconded: Orla Armstrong

In absence Nominated: Euan McGivern

Seconded: Andrew Smith

The RO advised that the decision would be by single transferable vote and the nominee who was present was asked to give a short speech on why he should

be elected. Ballot papers were issued and the RO advised he would count the votes after the meeting and circulate the results. **Action: RO**

{ **Clerks note:** Therefore **Vasilieos Vazos** was duly elected }

Taught Postgraduate

The SP gave a brief summary of the role.

No Nominations

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

Action: Clerk

Senate Discipline Committee

The SP gave a brief summary of the role stressing the importance of having a student member on this Committee.

In absence

Nominated: Janice Oliver-Sousa

Seconded: Rory Herron

In absence

Nominated: Ewan McLean

Seconded: Rory Herron

The RO advised that the decision would be by single transferable vote and the SP gave a short speech on behalf of both Lay Executive Officers. Ballot papers were issued and the RO advised he would count the votes after the meeting and circulate the results. **Action: RO**

{ **Clerks note:** Therefore **Janice Oliver-Sousa** was duly elected }

Ratification

The Co-Chair asked for ratification of the newly elected Radio Convenor, James Maguire, during a recent Radio meeting and Elena Golovushkina in the role of Research Convenor.

There was no objections and by general consensus CSP members agreed ratification.

At this time, 2.55 p.m. 1 CSP member left the meeting.

At this time, with 19 members in attendance the meeting was no longer quorate, therefore no formal decision could be taken forward from this point.

9. NUS National Demo

The SP advised of the NUS led, March and Rally, taking place in London on Wednesday 10th November and asked for student support to the cause. Advising also that funds had been secured from the campaigns budget towards the trip and it was hoped that addition monies could be raised by the Demo PR team and asked for student volunteers to, man and call for support, at the stall in the Saltire. Students wishing to attend the rally would be asked to contribute £10, this would go towards the cost of the bus, rally t-shirt and lunch. The SP encouraged students to come along to the information meeting, in NH208, on Monday 11th October. The SP would give an update at the next CSP meeting. **Action: SP**

At this point the SP wished to advise that the Pro Vice Chancellor and Vice Principal Strategy, Mike Smith, had been invited to attend and address student members on, Reprofilng and Restructuring at the next CSP meeting.

10. Dates to Note

- 19th - 21st Oct. - Meningitis Campaign
- 19th Oct - Study Abroad presentation, Walkabout
- 22nd Oct - Welfare Policy Group to meet, the VPSA invited students to email their concerns so those issues could be raised at the meeting.
- 9th - 11th Nov - Active Lifestyle Campaign
- 24th Nov - Alister Boyd Charity Ball
- 1st - 9th Jan 11 - Snowboard Trip, details on S.A. website.

11. **AOCB** None

Meeting Closed at 3.03 p.m.

Date of next meeting

Friday 5th November 2010, at 2 p.m. in room NH208



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Minutes of the (Second) Caledonian Students' Parliament Meeting held on Friday 5th November 2010, at 2.00 p.m. in Room NH208.

1. **Sign In:** 22 members present
Chair: Sharifa McLean
Co-Chair: Andrew Craib

Clerk: M Wilkinson

In attendance: Kevin Ward, RO
3 Student Observers

2. **Apologies:** 12, CSP members sent apologies advising they were unable to attend the meeting.
Advised late arrival at 2.19 p.m.: E. McLean, Communications Officer
" " " **at 2.23 p.m.:** 1 Ordinary member

The Chair welcomed everyone, to this the 2nd CSP meeting of 2010/11 advising that the meeting would have a guillotine time of 4.00 p.m.

3. CSP Minutes

The unconfirmed draft minutes of the 1st CSP meeting held on 8th October 2010. No points noted or questions raised and the Chair called a vote:

For : 16
Against : 0
Abstention : 5

Therefore, minutes as posted on the website, were duly accepted as an accurate record.

3.2 CSP Policy Group & Executive Minutes

The unconfirmed draft minutes of these meetings, as shown on the Students' Association website to date, no points noted or questions raised and the Chair called a vote:

For : 11
Against : 0
Abstention : 10

Therefore, minutes on outcome of Executive and Policy Group meetings as posted on the website, to date, were duly approved.

4. Matters Arising

4.1 Caledonian Court

The Chair advised that, on the arrival of the Communications Officer to the meeting, this matter would be address.

4.2 Social Networking – ban on 3rd floor of the Saltire

The SP advised that following on from last years campaign the 4th floor of the Saltire was now a computer free zone set aside for quiet study. The SP stated he was now looking to follow through on the campaign and ask students to express their views on whether social networking should be banned from the 3rd floor thereby ensuring that that floor was more conducive to quiet study. The SP advised that he would be asking for feedback from the student body as a whole but in the first instance was interested to get CSP member responses. The Chair asked the members to vote on a call to ban social networking on 3rd floor of the Saltire.

For : 18
Against : 1
Abstention : 1

The SP stated that in light of this support would proceed to get the views of other students and give an update of the response at the next CSP meeting.

Action: SP

At this time, 2.19 p.m., 1 CSP member entered the meeting, giving a total of 23 members in attendance. The Communications Officer was invited to give an update of Item 1, of Matters Arising.

Caledonian Court

The Communications Officer advised that he had been able to ascertain that the problems with internet access in Caledonian House were due to the metal content of material used in the construction of the complex. A discussion took place on what impact this had on the residents, what solutions IT had put forward as a remedy and if it was possible to get wireless in that area. The Comms. Officer stated that he had been advised that it was possible but would be expensive. The Comms. Officer asked if the members wished him to raise a motion to pursue this matter with the University and the Chair called a vote:

For : 17
Against : 1
Abstention : 4

Therefore the Comms Officer would raise the motion and present it at the next CSP meeting. **Action: Communications Officer**

4.4 NUS Demo

The SP advised that the campaign to raise awareness of the issues of the National NUS demonstration had been successful and a bus full of Caledonian students would be attending the rally in London on the 10th November.

Action: SP

At this time, 2.23 p.m., 1 CSP member entered the meeting, there now being a total of 24 CSP members in attendance.

5. Reports

At this point the Chair asked that as all reports had been posted on the website, for perusal prior to the meeting, only addition points of note be presented.

Executive Reports

Student President's Report (paper-as posted on website)

The SP advised he wished to highlight that Mike Smith, Pro Vice-Chancellor Strategy was invited to attend the next CSP meeting to talk to CSP members about the re-profiling. The SP advised that the University would be taking student concerns seriously and would give them full consideration. Students would be able to direct question to Mike Mannion, PVC Teaching & Learning, on the University website. The SP would give an update on developments at the next CSP meeting. **Action: SP**

No additional points for note or questions raised.

VP Student Development

The VPSD wished to highlight that he had secured funding to take forward next years Student–Led Teaching Awards.

No additional points for note or questioned raised.

VP Support & Advise Report (paper-as posted on website)

The VPSA highlighted that Nightline volunteers would be moving from their present site at Strathclyde University into their new unit within Caledonian Campus. The Nightline Committee had agreed to the move as it offered much better facilities for the volunteers. The VPSA wished to give special thanks to the Nightline volunteers for their support and dedication. The VPSA also gave a brief summary of the progress towards Green Impact, Silver Award and advised on the up coming campaigns

No additional points noted or questions raised

VP Sports & Societies Report (paper- as posted on website)

The VPSS wished to highlight that the sports clubs and societies that had applied for Alumni Small Grants had all been successful in their bids and was disappointed that more groups had not put forward an application.

No additional points noted or questions raised

Campaigns Officer Report

The Chair advised that the Campaigns Officer post was currently vacant.

No points noted or questioned raised.

Communications Officer Report (paper posted on the website)

The Communications Officer gave a brief summary of the report wishing to highlight on the Executive Committees' team objectives towards, going out and talking, 'goating' with students. The Comms. Officer advised CSP members on the new initiative from IT which would assist students by allowing them to view, on plasma screens, which computers were free within each computer lab around campus. .

No additional points noted or questioned raised.

Women's Officer Report (paper- as posted on the website)

The WO gave a brief summary of the report highlighting the up coming campaign, 16 DAYS, its aim to stop domestic violence against women.

No additional points noted or questions raised

International Student Officer Report (paper-as posted on website)

The ISO gave a brief summary of the report. To questions raised the ISO advised that the NUS demo was not only for home students and that University fees were a concern for every student, advising that the NUS International Officer would be happy to hear International student views and answer their questions. To a question raised the SP was able to confirm that the University no longer ran a 2 tier policy and that International students who faced difficulty with fees would not be disadvantaged on sitting final exams. The SP advised that he would forward on details.

No additional points noted.

LGBT Officer Report (paper-as posted on website)

The LGBT Officer gave a brief outline of initial objectives he was looking to take forward. The CSP members gave congratulation to the LGBT Officer on his recent election to the post.

At this time, 2.53 p.m. 1 CSP member left the meeting, there now being a total of 23 CSP members in attendance.

Office Bearer Reports

Mature Student Convenor (verbal)

The MSC advised that he had set up a Mature Student site on face book and had been posting notices, advertising the site, around campus.

At this time, 2.54 p.m. 1 CSP member left the meeting, there now being a total of 22 CSP members in attendance.

Radio Station Convenor (paper- as posted on the website)

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

Disabled Student Convenor

The Chair advised that no report had been submitted.

No points noted or questions raised.

Research Student Convenor (paper- as posted on the website)

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

Magazine Editor Report

The Chair advised that no report had been submitted.

The Chair called for a vote on acceptance of Executive, Office Bearer, reports as posted on the website:

For : 17
Against : 0
Abstention : 3

Therefore those reports were duly accepted.

Sabbatical Hours

The SP asked for Sabbatical Officers hours to be shown on the screen. The Chair explained that Sabbatical Officers received a full time wage and should be working 35 hours a week on average, pointing out that the reason for one officer working less hours was due to time off to recover from an accident. The Chair called a vote on acceptance of the hours worked:

For : 15
Against : 0
Abstention : 5

Therefore Sabbatical working hours were duly accepted.

7. Motions

GCUSA to support RNID Campaign

The VPSA presented support for the motion and after a short discussion the Chair called a vote:

For : 19
Against : 0
Abstention : 0

Therefore the motion was duly accepted.

At this time, 3.00p.m., the Chair passed duty to the Co-Chair.

Welfare Policy Group

The VPSA advised on the necessity to update and amend the policy and after a short discussion the Co-Chair called a vote:

For : 18
Against : 0
Abstention : 2

Therefore the motion was duly accepted.

National Demo

The SP presented support for the motion and after a short discussion the Co-Chair called the vote.

For : 20

Therefore **Arif Saleem** was duly elected

The 2 remaining positions would be open for consideration at the 3rd CSP meeting. **Action: Clerk**

Volunteering Policy Group - Ordinary CSP members (1)

The VPSD gave a brief explanation of the duties of the role.

No Nominations

The position would be open for consideration at the 3rd CSP meeting.
Action: Clerk

University Residence Convenor

The Communications Officer gave a brief explanation of the role.

Nominated: Praveen Sukumaran
Seconded: Brian Reilly

Therefore **Praveen Sukumaran** was duly elected

Ethical & Environmental Convenor

The VPSA gave a brief summary of the role.

Nominated: Jamie White
Seconded: Rory Herron
Nominated: Claus Diekoetter
Seconded: Vasileios Vazos

The RO advised that the decision would be by single transferable vote and the nominees were asked to give a short speech on why they should be elected. In the absence of Jamie White a letter of support was read out by the Co-Chair. The ballot papers were issued and the RO advised he would count the votes and the results given at a later time.

{ **Clerks note:** During the meeting the Co-Chair advised that results of voting had been 13 to 6 in favour of Claus Diekoetter. }

Therefore **Claus Diekoetter** was duly elected

Postgraduate Students Convenor

The VPSA gave a brief summary of the role and in the nominee's absence a letter of support was read out.

Nominated: Angela McLaughlin

Seconded: Jas Sangha

Therefore **Angela McLaughlin** was duly elected

At this time, 3.30 p.m., 1 CSP member left the meeting, there now being a total of 21 CSP members in attendance.

INTO Convenor

The SP gave a brief summary of the role and **Sergio Rodriguez** was put forward for the post.

Nominated by: Rory Herron

Seconded : Keiran Livingston

Therefore **Sergio Rodriguez** was duly elected

BME Convenor

The VPSA gave a brief summary of the role.

No Nominations

This position would be open for consideration at the 2nd CSP meeting.

Action: Clerk

Learning Teaching Sub Committee

Taught Postgraduate

The SP gave a brief summary of the role and **Aarti Narayanan** was put forward for the post.

Nominated by : Vasileios Vazoz
Seconded : Brian Reilly

Therefore **Aarti Narayanan** was duly elected

At this time, 3.40 p.m., 1 CSP member left the meeting, there now being a total of 20 CSP members in attendance.

9. Internationalising Strategy

The VPSA gave a summary of each area of the strategy emphasising the importance of the document for both international and home students. The SP wished to acknowledge his appreciation on behalf of the Executive for the VPSA's time and efforts to this project.

The Co-Chair called a vote and the CSP members were unanimous in acceptance of the strategy.

The VPSA also wished to give a special thanks to the ISU Working Group who assisted her with the task.

10. Block Timetabling

The SP outlined his support to campaign for block timetabling and asked the members to put forward their views. Some members thought it was generally a good idea and may work well with some courses or for students travelling in from outside Glasgow. Others felt that for other courses where a class could extend to 3 hours, cramming another 1 or 2 seminars into the day would be too much of a strain. The SP stated that it was his aim to get as many responses as possible before moving forward with this campaign and would use every tool available to consult and get feedback from students. The SP would give an update on progress at the next CSP meeting. **Action: SP**

During the discussion 2 CSP members left the meeting, there being a total of 18 CSP members in attendance. The meeting was quorate.

11. Languages at GCU

The SP advised that he would be looking for feedback from students to take forward a campaign for language courses to be introduced at GCU and that the choice of language may be Spanish and Mandarin. The SP stated he would be

looking to set up a survey to collate student views and would give an update on progress and feedback to the next CSP meeting. **Action: SP**

12. Dates to Note

5 th Nov	- Diwali at Caley
10 th Nov	- NUS National Demo
11 th Nov	- Caledonian Student Summit
9 th 11 th Nov	- Active Lifestyle Campaign
13 th Nov	- 'World Record' Ceilidh event
13 th Nov	- WHW Fund Raising Walk
23 rd Nov	- Global Café event
23 rd -25 th Nov	- Sexual Health Campaign
24 th Nov	- Allister Boyd Charity Ball
25 th Nov	- 16Days Campaign
30 th Nov	- Autumn Grad Ball

13. AOCB

(i) Student Complaints

The SP advised that he a received many complaints from students on the problems they were encountering with exams before Christmas.

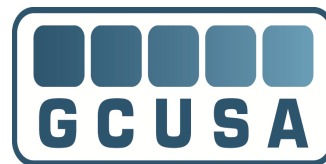
The SP advised that the subject of exams before Christmas had been raised 2 years ago and the issues discussed and consultation with students had continued throughout last year. The SP advised that he and the VPSD would be looking to get more information and a better understanding of the student concerns to take forward to the University and give an update on the response at the next CSP meeting.

Action: SP/VPSD

Meeting ended at 4.00 p.m.

Date of next meeting

Friday 26th November 2010, at 2 p.m. in room NH208



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Minutes of the (Third) Caledonian Students' Parliament Meeting held on Friday 26th November 2010, at 2.00 p.m. in Room NH208.

3. Sign In:

20 members present
Chair: Sharifa McLean
Co-Chair: Andrew Craib

Clerk: M Wilkinson

In attendance: Kevin Ward, RO
1 Student Observer

4. Apologies: 11, CSP members sent apologies advising they were unable to attend the meeting.

Advised late arrival at 2.05 p.m.: J. Buntin, Women's Officer

“ “ “ **at 2.19 p.m.:** 1 Ordinary member

The Chair welcomed everyone, to this the 3rd CSP meeting of 2010/11 advising that the meeting would have a guillotine time of 4.00 p.m.

3. CSP Minutes

The unconfirmed draft minutes of the 2nd CSP meeting held on 5th November 2010. No points or questions raised and the Chair called a vote:

For : 14

Against : 0

Abstention : 4

Therefore, with consideration of the amendment, the minutes as posted on the website were duly accepted as an accurate record.

3.3 CSP Policy Group & Executive Minutes

The Chair apologised advising that as no minutes had been posted to the website a vote could not be taken.

Therefore, minutes on outcome of Executive and Policy Group meetings as from the 5th November 2010 onwards would be raised at the 4th CSP meeting in February 2011.

4. Matters Arising

4.1 Social Networking – ban on 3rd floor of the Saltire

The SP advised that following on from the last CSP meeting, where the members had agreed that this matter should be pursued, he had met with the head librarian. It was felt that in order that minimise disruption in the run up to exams and also get the maximum response from students the trial would not be raised till Trimester 2. The SP stated that a ban, a 2 week trial period, would be imposed and students then be asked to give their response to a permanent ban. The SP advised that no firm date had yet been set but would give an update on progress and/or response at the next CSP meeting in February 2011.

Action: SP

At this time, 2.19 p.m., 1 CSP member entered the meeting, giving a total of 21 members in attendance.

4.2 NUS Demo

The SP advised that 28 Caledonian students had made the journey to support the National NUS demonstration in London on the 10th November. The SP stated that there had been some trouble at the rally but that this had not come from Caledonian students.

No additional points noted or questions raised

4.3 Block Timetabling

The SP advised that following on from the last CSP meeting he had furthered his campaign and would be issuing a questionnaire to class reps to gauge their response. The CSP members posed numerous questions of the SP, including the timing of the survey and also why it was not being circulated to all students. The SP advised of other surveys being carried out at this time and felt that as this was a first consultation and that the questions raised of the survey were pertinent to that particular group. At the CSP members request advised that he would circulate the questionnaire in order to get their feedback.

Action SP

4.4 GCU Languages

The SP advised that the survey to gain student response to the question of Caledonian University offering Language courses would be held in January 2011. An update on response would be given at the next CSP meeting in February 2011. **Action: SP**

5. Reports

At this point the Chair asked that as all reports had been posted on the website, for perusal prior to the meeting, only highlights or addition points of note to be presented.

Executive Reports

Student President's Report (paper-as posted on website)

The SP advised he wished to highlight that the Allister Boyd Charity Ball had raised over £6,400 and wished to congratulate and give thanks to all those who had taken part in the organisation and contributed to the event.

No additional points for note or questions raised.

VP Student Development

In the absence of the VPSD no points noted or questioned raised.

VP Support & Advise Report (paper-as posted on website)

The VPSA wished to highlight November campaigns and gave a brief summary of the events, stating also that the University had taken on board the student's feedback of the Think Positive Survey and the response that their Mental Health programme would be renamed.

No additional points noted or questions raised

VP Sports & Societies Report (paper- as posted on website)

The VPSS wished to highlight on the 'morning membership' of £8 per month from January and the additional agreement that nursing students would be able to use the Arc facilities on a 'pay for what they use' scheme. One nursing member present, on behalf of all the nursing students, wished to thank the VPSS for the positive outcome campaigned for on their behalf.

No additional points noted or questions raised

Communications Officer Report

In the absence of the Communications Officer, or a report, no points noted or questioned raised.

Women's Officer Report (paper- as posted on the website)

The WO gave a brief update of the, 16 DAYS campaign, its aim was to stop domestic violence against women.

No additional points noted or questions raised

International Student Officer Report (paper-as posted on website)

In the absence of the ISO no points noted or questions raised.

LGBT Officer Report (paper-as posted on website)

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

Campaigns Officer Report

The Chair advised that at the recently held By-Election, Matthew Andrews, had been duly elected as the Campaigns Officer to the Executive Committee.

No points noted or questioned raised.

Office Bearer Reports

Ethical & Environmental Convenor

In the absence of the E&E Convenor, or a report, no points noted or questions raised.

Disabled Student Convenor (paper-as posted on website)

The DSC advised that he had nothing to add to the report.

No points noted or questions raised.

Magazine Editor Report (paper-as posted on website)

The Editor gave a brief summary of the report.

Radio Station Convenor

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

Mature Student Convenor (verbal)

The MSC gave a brief update of feedback from a recent meeting with mature students and was advised that their concerns would be better served by raising them as a motion to the next CSP meeting. **Action: MSC**

Student Residence Convenor (verbal)

The SRC gave a brief update of feedback from a recent meeting with resident students and was advised that their concerns would be better served by raising them as a motion to the next CSP meeting. **Action: MSC**

Research Student Convenor (paper- as posted on the website)

The Research Convenor invited all research students to access and give feedback on the new face book site.

No points noted or questions raised.

INTO Convenor

In the absence of the INTO Convenor, or a report, no points noted or questions raised.

Post-Graduate Student Convenor (paper- as posted on the website)

The Chair advised that due to pressure of class commitments had felt that she could not now spare time to the role and had to resign from the post. The post would now be open to nomination at CSP Elections.

School Officer Reports

LSS School Officer (paper- as posted on the website)

The LSS School Officer gave a brief summary of the report.

SEC School Officer (paper- as posted on the website)

The SEC School Officer gave a brief summary of the report adding that at a recent meeting the major concern was with the exams coming immediately after the coursework programme end.

At this time the issue of School's merger was raised and a lengthy discussion ensued.

The SP advised that he was not unsympathetic with student concerns and advised of his response to the University had been one of support, in light of the economic sustainability of the University, but that the transition should not affect the student experience. The SP advised that the PVC of Strategy, Mike Smith would have been at the meeting today to answer questions but the SP had been felt that a separate meeting, where more students would be available to attend, should be arranged. A CSP member felt that the SP should be congratulated for his keen support of students concerns and his actions in

gaining an audience with a member of University staff on such an important matter.

SH Officers (paper- as posted on the website)

The SH Officers had nothing to add to the report.

The Chair advised that 3 School Officer Board positions had now become vacant and the Students Association would circulate information to students of what was involved and how to note their interest.

Association Accounts

Association Management Accounts (October 2010 paper- as posted on the website)

No points noted or questions raised.

The Chair called for a vote on acceptance of Executive, Office Bearer, School Officer reports and Summary of Management Accounts as posted on the website:

For : 16
Against : 0
Abstention : 3

Therefore those reports, as posted on the website, were duly accepted.

To a question raised the Returning Officer advised that delegates to NUS Scotland Conferences were not required to submit a report.

Sabbatical Hours

The SP presented Sabbatical Officers hours as shown on the screen. The Chair explained that Sabbatical Officers received a full time wage and should be working 35 hours a week on average, and called a vote on acceptance of the hours worked:

For : 17
Against : 0
Abstention : 2

Therefore Sabbatical working hours were duly accepted.

7. Motion

Executive Committee Composition

In the absence of the proposer, the VPSD, the VPSS presented support for the motion and a lengthy and in-depth discussion took place on the need for the changes to the composition of roles/remits to the Executive Committee.

During the discussion 2 members asked to be excused from the meeting. There now being 19 members present, the meeting was still quorate.

As the discussion continued it was generally felt that there were 2 separate issues to be voted on and the Chair called a vote of an amendment to this effect, that Resolves, item 1 & 3 form 1 motion and Resolves, Item 2 and 3 another and were voted on separately. The Co-Chair called a vote:

For : 17
Against : 0
Abstention : 2

Therefore the amendment was duly agreed and the motion was to be split to form two separate motions.

The RO advised that for the motion's voting that abstentions would count as 'no vote' and the motions only pass on a 2/3's majority vote.

The Chair called a vote of the amended Motion, with Item 1&3 in Resolves:

For : 13
Against : 1
Abstention : 4

Therefore the amended motion was duly passed

The Chair called a vote of the amended Motion, with Item 2&3 in Resolves:

For : 14
Against : 2

Abstention : 2

Therefore the amended motion was duly passed.

At this time, 3.05 p.m., the Chair passed duty to the Co-Chair and asked to be excused from the meeting leaving 18 members present. The meeting was no longer quorate but as no further issues would require quoracy the meeting continued.

8. CSP Elections

Elections Committee (5)

The Co Chair gave a brief rundown of the work to be carried by this committee and the importance of the role and called for nominations:

Nominated: Ruairidh Pritchard
Seconded: John Niven

Nominated: Kay Morrill
Seconded: Jas Sangha

Nominated: Sharifa McLean
Seconded: Andrew Craib

Therefore **Ruairidh Pritchard, Kay Morrill, Sharifa McLean** were duly elected.

The remaining 2 position would be open for consideration at the 4th CSP meeting. **Action: Clerk**

Senate Disciplinary (1 CSP Rep)

The SP gave a brief rundown of the important work carried out in this role and the Co-Chair called for nominations:

Nominated: Graham Kerr
Seconded: Jas Sangha

Therefore **Graham Kerr** was duly elected

Societies Policy Group (2)

The VPSS gave a brief explanation of the work carried out by the group and the Co-Chair called for nominations:

Nominated: Gavin Elder

Seconded: Jen Buntin

Therefore **Gavin Elder** was duly elected

The remaining position would be open for consideration at the 4th CSP meeting.

Action: Clerk

Volunteering Policy Group - Ordinary CSP members (1)

The Co-Chair advised that he was a member of the group and gave a brief explanation of the duties of the role:

Nominated: Penny Campbell

Seconded: Emilia Todorova

Nominated: Vasileios Vazos

Seconded: Jas Sangha

The RO advised that the decision would be made by single transferable vote and the nominees were asked to give a short speech on why they should be elected.

{ **Clerks note:** During the meeting the Co-Chair advised that results of voting had been 10 to 8 in favour of Vasileios Vazos. }

Therefore **Vasileios Vazos** was duly elected

Postgraduate Students Convenor

The VPSA advised that this was a strategic post and a vital role in support of Postgraduate students.

No Nominations

This position would be open for consideration at the 4th CSP meeting.

Action: Clerk

BME Convenor

The VPSA gave a brief summary of the role and the Co-Chair called for nominations:

Nominated: Olusegun Ayoola Kumapay
Seconded: Graham Kerr

Therefore **Olusegun Ayoola Kumapay** was duly elected

9. Dates to Note

2nd Dec - Sports Comedy Night

10. Election Timetable

The RO presented the dates of Executive Elections in February 2011 explaining that because of the change to trimesters the Election would take place earlier and would be determined by electronic online voting. To questions raised advised that:

- i) Online system was secure and only one student vote permitted. The system was also able to discern the student, i.e. women, and only allow those eligible to vote in certain categories.
- ii) On line voting would enable part time, distance learners and placement students the ability to cast a vote when it suited them.
- iii) Candidates would campaign by the usual methods.
- iv) The RO would continue to advise and promote the elections as his remit allowed.
- v) There would be no paper ballot.

The Co- Chair called a vote:

For : 17
Against : 0
Abstention : 0

Therefore Election timetable was duly accepted

11. Re-Profiling

As this item was discussed early in the meeting; the SP reiterated that he would arrange a 'question time' with PVC of Strategy, Mike Smith and advise students accordingly. **Action: SP**

12. AOCB

i) Block Timetabling - Student Survey

As per action of, item 4.3, the SP passed out copies of the questionnaire that would be distributed to Class Reps, asking for the CSP member's advice. After some discussion the SP was asked to clarify a few of the questions in order that the correct point was raised therefore gaining a valid response. The members felt that once the changes to the questions had been made it would be good and should get a positive indication of how the students felt as the class reps would have to secure replies from their fellow students. The SP would give an update on, progress and outcome of the survey, to CSP during the next trimester. **Action: SP**

ii) Stress Free Exams

The VPSA advised that during exam period 7th - 17th Dec the welfare dept would be running relaxation sessions and would be advertising these events on the SA website.

To a question raised, it was advised that the Saltire Centre would be open till 11pm during exam time.

iii) Ratify Affiliated Societies

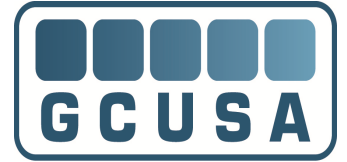
The VPSS advised that the following societies had recently been affiliated: Carry on Nursing Society; Podiatry Society; Caledonian Martial Arts; Film Society; Allister Boyd Events Society; Palestine Society.

By unanimous agreement these societies were duly ratified.

Meeting ended at 3.45 p.m.

Date of next meeting

Friday 4th February 2011, at 2 p.m. in room NH208



Glasgow Caledonian University
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GLASGOW CALEDONIAN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

GLASGOW CALEDONIAN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' PARLIAMENT

Minutes of the (Fourth) Caledonian Student Parliament Meeting held on Friday 4th February 2011, at 2.00 p.m. in Room NH208.

5. **Sign In:** 24 members present
Chair: Sharifa McLean
Co-Chair: Andrew Craib

Clerk: M Wilkinson

In attendance: J. McKay, DRO
3 Student Observers

6. **Apologies:** 10 CSP members sent apologies advising they were unable to attend the meeting.

The Chair welcomed everyone, to this the 4th CSP meeting of 2010/11 advising that the meeting would have a guillotine time of 3.30 p.m.

3. CSP Minutes, CSP Policy Group and Executive Minutes

The unconfirmed draft minutes of the 3rd CSP meeting held on 26th November 2010, together with CSP Policy Group and Executive minutes as posted on the website to date.

For : 17
Against : 0
Abstention : 3

Therefore, minutes on outcome of CSP, Policy Group and Executive meetings as posted on the website to date, were duly approved.

At this time, 2.10 p.m., the Communications Officer left the room, re-entering at 2.15p.m.

4. Matters Arising

4.1 Social Networking – ban on 3rd floor of the Saltire

The SP advised that following on from the last CSP meeting, where the members had agreed that this matter should be pursued in Trimester 2, the SP asked if there was still a problem. To a question raised the SP advised that complaints about networking were dramatically reduced since the ban was set in place on the 4th floor. Members said it was really good and quiet on the 4th floor, others felt that to place the ban on the 3rd floor would restrict those students who used the sites for accessing information relevant and vital to their studies. The SP asked if pursuing the ban was now relevant and asked if the item should be removed from the agenda. The Chair called a vote:

For : 17
Against : 0
Abstention : 4

Therefore, this matter would no longer be pursued and removed from the agenda

4.2 Block Timetabling

The SP presented the results of the University's online survey and advised that, whilst the results suggested that block timetabling was preferred, felt that feedback from 56% of class reps may not be a true reflection of all students as the response was mostly from students whose programmes already conform to block timetabling. During a lengthy discussion some members advised that the questions had not been set to them by their Class Reps., and whilst wishing that all students be sent the questionnaire, agreed with the SP that response would be low, but nonetheless felt more consultation was necessary.

At this time, 2.20 p.m., the WO entered the meeting.

Various suggestions were put forward on opening up this matter so more students were aware of the issue and it was agreed that the Communications Officer could highlight the survey on face book. The VPSD took on board the points raised by the members and advised that, there was no time scale in collating responses and would continue gathering student's views throughout

the year. The VPSD said that the concerns raised would be put to class reps during their training.

The SP said that he had presented the survey result to University's SOUL group advising them that it was not the Students' Association advocating Block Timetabling but merely that the question had been posed to students and asking for guidance on this issue. The SP advised that this matter would be raised to class reps attending Caley Conference and would give an update at the next CSP meeting. **Action: SP**

The Chair advised that, due to time constraints, she had to call a close to the discussion, advising that anyone with views or questions on this matter could email the Student President.

4.3 GCU Languages

The SP advised that the University was now in discussion about offering Language courses, with the possibility that these would be programmed during Wednesday afternoons. The SP advised that he was part of a working group on GCU Languages and this matter would be raised for discussion at Caley Conference. An update on response would be given at the next CSP meeting. **Action: SP**

The SP advised that he would also be raising the issue of, a study week in the run up to exams before Christmas, at Caley Conference and would give an update on response at the next CSP meeting. **Action: SP**

4.4 Re-profiling

The SP apologised, advised that he had not yet been able to arranged Question time, and would give an update at the next CSP meeting. **Action: SP**

5. Reports

At this point the Chair asked that, as all the reports had been posted on the website for perusal prior to the meeting, only highlights or additional points of note should be presented.

Executive Reports

Student President's Report (paper-as posted on website)

The SP advised that he was able to confirm that visitors could be signed in before midnight to Caledonian Court.

No additional points for note or questions raised.

VP Student Development (paper-as posted on website)

The VPSD wished to highlight the Student Teaching Awards and asked members to vote and encourage others to vote. The Communications Officer wished to congratulate the VPSD and the SLP team, stating that he had felt the Gold Assessment Centre presentation had been excellent.

A member also wished to thank the VPSD for providing School Officer training advising that it had been extremely helpful.

No additional points noted or questions raised

VP Support & Advise Report (paper-as posted on website)

The VPSA wished to highlight that Nightline had moved in and was enjoying their new premises on Caledonian campus.

No additional points noted or questions raised

VP Sports & Societies Report (paper- as posted on website)

The VPSS wished to say that he recently attended a Mental Health First Aid course, which had been most enlightening, and would recommend everyone should go on it. A member wished to congratulate him on passing the course and also for securing £8 morning membership at the Arc.

No additional points noted or questions raised

Communications Officer Report (paper- as posted on the website)

The Communications Officer advised he had nothing to add to the report.

No additional points noted

Women's Officer Report (paper- as posted on the website)

The WO gave a brief summary of the report adding that she and the WO from Strathclyde University would be looking to arrange Kick Boxing classes. To a question raised advised that she had been looking to a women only class, but would pose the question of a separate male class to the instructor.

No additional points noted or questions raised

International Student Officer Report (paper-as posted on website)

The ISO wished to thank all those who helped out at Caley Olympics, especially the VPSA for her active role on the day. To a question raised the VPSA was able to advise that the NUS, fees campaign, had been posted on the website and that a response against increasing fees for International students had been sent to the Government.

No additional points noted.

Campaigns Officer Report (paper-as posted on website)

The Campaigns Officer wished to highlight that together with the ISO they would be looking to raise a campaign to protect the rights of International students.

No points noted or questioned raised.

LGBT Officer Report (paper-as posted on website)

The LGBT Officer advised that he had nothing to add to the report.

No additional points noted or questions raised.

At this time, 2.58 p.m., a member was excused from the meeting.

Office Bearer Reports

Ethical & Environmental Convener Report

E&E Convener explained that he was arranging meetings to discuss / progress various issues and would give an update at the next CSP meeting.

No additional points noted or questions raised.

Disabled Student Convenor (paper-as posted on website)

In light of the DSO's absence no points noted or questions raised.

Black Minority & Ethnic Convenor Report

In the absence of the BME Convenor's report no points noted or questions raised.

Magazine Editor Report (paper-as posted on website)

The Editor gave a brief summary of the report highlighting that the final issue of the magazine was being drafted.

No additional points noted or questions raised.

Radio Station Convenor Report (paper-as posted on website)

The Radio Convenor wished to highlight on the increase of volunteers to the station, advising that they were coping with the demand for training, and adding that DJ's were willing to offer their services to event organisers. The RSC advised on the success of the impromptu appearance of a Canadian Acoustics Band, 'Funeral Party' who recently played at SA before heading off to play at a Glasgow venue. To a question raised it was advised that under the guidance of Health & Safety, risk assessments must be carried out for groups wishing to have bake sales.

No additional points noted.

Mature Student Convenor

In the absence of the Mature Student Convenor, or a report, no points noted or questions raised.

Student Residence Convenor

In the absence of the Student Residence Convenor, or a report, no points noted or questions raised.

Research Student Convenor (paper- as posted on the website)

In the absence of the Research Convenor, the SP advised that he would look to raise the question and gain a response, of Research students having 24 hour access to their labs. **Action: SP**

No additional points noted

INTO Convenor

In the absence of the INTO Convenor, or a report, no points noted or questions raised.

Post-Graduate Student Convenor Post vacant

Association Accounts

Association Management Accounts (to end Dec 2010 paper- as posted on the website)

This point was missed and would be presented for acceptance at the next CSP meeting. **Action: Clerk**

NUS Scotland Council Report

The SP had nothing to add to the report and the Chair called a vote:

For : 22

Against : 0

Abstention : 0

Therefore NUS report was duly accepted.

Sabbatical Hours

The Chair explained that Sabbatical Officers received a full time wage and should be working 35 hours a week on average, and called a vote on acceptance of the hours worked:

For : 16

Against : 0

Abstention : 6

Therefore Sabbatical working hours were duly accepted.

7. Motion

None submitted

8. CSP Elections

Elections Committee (2)

The Co-Chair gave a brief rundown of the work to be carried out by this committee and the importance of the role. The Co-Chair called for nominations:

Nominated: Ewan McLean
Seconded: Keiran Livingston

Nominated: Jen Buntin
Seconded: Vasileios Vazos

Therefore **Ewan McLean** and **Jen Buntin** were duly elected.

Societies Policy Group (1)

The VPSS gave a brief explanation of the work carried out by the group and the Co-Chair called for nominations:

Nominated: Haroon Farooq
Seconded: Kay Morrill

Therefore **Haroon Farooq** was duly elected

Postgraduate Students Convenor

The SP advised that this was a strategic post and a vital role in support of Postgraduate students and put forward:

Laura Howell

Proposed by : Rory Herron
Seconded : Jas Sangha

Therefore **Laura Howell** was duly elected

At this time the Chair invited the Deputy Returning Officer to the meeting to present Election Rules, advising that the rules had been posted up on the website along with the CSP papers.

9. Election Rules

A discussion took place on various aspects of the rules. To a question 'can a student revisit the website and change his/her vote' the DRO advised she was unable to say but would check this out. **Action: DRO**

{**Clerk's Note:** The DRO advised that students can only vote once and the on-line system will not permit a second visit to change a vote already cast.}

The members felt that the amount each candidate was allowed to spend on their campaign was too high, that it may discourage some from putting forward a nomination. The DRO was asked if that figure could be reduced. In light of forthcoming elections it was felt that the matter be resolved that day. The members agreed to remove; Campaigning, item 4, and the Co-Chair asked that a vote be called on acceptance of the rules.

The Co- Chair called a vote:

For : 15
Against : 1
Abstention : 6

Therefore Election Rules were duly approved

The Co- Chair called a vote that Campaigning, item 4, be presented for discussion /decision by the Elections Committee:

For : 18
Against : 0
Abstention : 5

Therefore the Election Committee decision of this point would be adopted as part of the approved rules.

{**Clerks Note** – The Elections Committee met and it was agreed that the spending limit for candidates was reduced to £45.}

The Radio Convener wished to state that Radio presenters, who were running in the Elections, were not permitted to promote their campaign on air and presenters should not make derogatory remarks of any of the candidates.

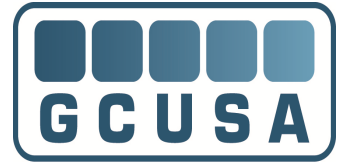
10. Dates to Note

- 15th Feb - International Festival
- 17th Feb - Radio Caley Acoustic Session

- 10th Mar - Student Leaders Ball
- 23rd Mar - Caley Conference
- 19th Mar - Wellbeing Fayre
- 2nd April - Sports Ball

Meeting ended at 3.40 p.m.

**Date of next meeting
Friday 4th March 2011, at 2 p.m. in room NH208**



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GLASGOW CALEDONIAN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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Minutes of the (Fifth) Caledonian Student Parliament Meeting held on Friday 4th March, 2011, at 2.00 p.m. in Room NH208.

7. Sign In:

37 members present
Chair: Sharifa McLean
Co-Chair: Andrew Craib

Clerk: M Wilkinson

In attendance: Kevin Ward, RO

8. Apologies: 15, CSP members sent apologies advising they were unable to attend the meeting.

Advised late arrival: VP Support & Advice

The Chair welcomed everyone, to the 5th CSP meeting of 2010/11

3. Previous Minutes,

The Chair called a vote on unconfirmed draft minutes of the 4th CSP meeting held on 4th February 2011.

For : 15
Against : 0
Abstention : 8

Therefore, minutes of the CSP meeting were duly approved.

The Chair called a vote on the unconfirmed draft minutes of Executive and sub-committees of Caledonian Student Parliament as posted on the website.

For : 21
Against : 0

Abstention : 10

Therefore, the members duly approved the outcome of minutes of Executive and sub-committees meetings as posted on the website to date.

4. Matters Arising

4.1 Block Timetabling

The SP presented the timetabling report and gave a breakdown of the survey results to the questionnaire posted to class reps.

At this time, 2.16 p.m., 2 CSP members entered the meeting.

A lengthy discussion took place and the Student President stated that whilst the results showed that the majority who took part in the survey were happy to support a blocked approach to timetabling there was still improvements that could potentially be made. The Student President stated that timetabling was a complex issue and asked that Caledonian Student Parliament mandate him to work with academic timetablers to set a draft of principles that could be used as guidelines when drawing up future timetables. The Student President advised that he would continue to ask that the University timetablers look to work from the principles set out and would give an update on developments, within future reports, to Student Parliament. **Action: SP**

4.2 GCU Languages

The SP advised that he was part of a University working group looking into the possibility of offering language courses at GCU. A short discussion took place on what and how the courses would be offered. The Student President stated that the concept was in the early stages. The Student President advised he was currently drafting a survey that would go out to a sample of students and would give an update on progress / development, within future reports to Student Parliament. **Action: SP**

At this time, 2.18 p.m., the VP Support & Advice entered the meeting.

4.3 Re-profiling

The Student President advised that he was continuing to look for the optimum time to invite the Pro Vice Chancellor to answer student concerns. During a short discussion it was suggested that he be invited to speak with student researchers or at Caledonian Conference. The Student President advised that he would give an update, within his report, of progress at the next Student Parliament. **Action: SP**

4.4 Study Week

The Student President advised that this matter was to be raised, as a Motion, for discussion later in the meeting.

4.5 Lab Access

The Student President advised that this matter would be raised with the University. The Student President would give an update of response, at the next Student Parliament meeting. **Action: Student President**

5. Reports

At this point the Chair asked that as reports had been posted on the website, for perusal prior to the meeting, only highlights or addition points of note should be presented.

Executive Reports

Student President's Report (paper-as posted on website)

The SP wished to highlight that Glasgow Caledonian University had been nominated for 3 separate NUS awards: Student Union of the Year; Course Representative of the Year and Student Magazine of the Year.

No additional points for note or questions raised.

VP Student Development (paper-as posted on website)

The VPSD stated that he had nothing to add to the report but asked the members to suggest topical subjects that could be taken forward for discussion at Caledonian Conference. During a short discussion a few suggestions were

put forward. The Chair advised that members could email the VPSD direct with issues for inclusion.

No additional points noted or questions raised

VP Support & Advise Report (paper-as posted on website)

The VPSA wished to highlight the first Fair Trade meeting had been held and wished to extent an invite to anyone or group who had an interest to get in touch. The VPSA also asked for a volunteer, a smoker, to give feedback to University research group. Anyone interested should email the VPSA, vpsa@gcu.ac.uk

No additional points noted or questions raised

VP Sports & Societies Report (paper- as posted on website)

The VPSS had nothing to add to the report. To a question raised advised that the process for clubs to raise queries would be within their club committee and thereafter for captains to take forward to Sports Policy Group for further discussion / resolve.

No additional points noted or questions raised

Communications Officer Report (paper- as posted on website)

The Communications Officer gave a brief update of the report.

No additional points noted

Campaigns Officer Report (paper-as posted on website)

The Campaigns Officer gave a brief update of the report.

No points noted or questioned raised.

Women's Officer Report (paper- as posted on the website)

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

LGBT Officer Report (paper-as posted on website)

The LGBT Officer gave a brief update of the report.

No additional points noted or questions raised.

International Student Officer Report (verbal)

The ISO advised that Caley's got Talent event would take place on 23rd March. To a question raised, advised that the review of Caley Olympics day highlighted problems and put forward solution that would be used to make for a smooth running 'Caley's got Talent' event.

No additional points noted.

Office Bearer Reports

Ethical & Environmental Convenor Report (paper-as posted on website)

The E&E Convenor advised he had nothing to add to the report, stating that he was to propose a motion, later in the meeting.

No additional points noted or questions raised.

Radio Station Convenor Report (paper-as posted on website)

In light of the absence of the Radio Convener no points noted or questions raised.

Black Minority & Ethnic Convenor Report (verbal)

The BME Convenor apologised for not submitting a report, advising that he would be proposing a motion later in the meeting.

No additional points noted or questions raised.

Magazine Editor Report (verbal)

The Editor advised that the team were working on the last edition of the year and that the deadline for submission articles was Monday 7th March.

No additional points noted or questions raised.

Mature Student Convenor (verbal)

The MSC advised that he had not convened a meeting and had nothing to report.

No points noted or questions raised.

Student Residence Convenor

The Student Residence Convenor gave a summary of the report highlighting concerns of residents. The SP advised that he would raise the issue, of shortage of grit for icy paths, with facilities and give an update, within his report, to the next Student Parliament meeting. **Action: SP**

No additional points noted or questions raised.

Research Student Convenor

In light of the absence of the RSC no points noted or questions raised.

INTO Convenor (verbal)

The INTO Convenor apologised that he had not submitted a report. To a question raised the SP advised that he would endeavour to make sure that all future SA events were promoted and passed on to INTO students.

No additional points noted or questions raised.

Disabled Students' Convenor

In light of the DSC's absence no points noted or questions raised.

Post-Graduate Student Convenor

In light of the absence of the P-GSC no points noted or questions raised.

Association Accounts

Association Management Accounts (to end January 2011 paper- as posted on the website)

The SP advised that he was happy with the management account.

No points noted or questions raised.

The Chair called a vote on acceptance of all the submitted reports:

For : 35

Against : 0

Abstention : 3

Therefore, Executive Reports, Office Bearers Reports and Managements Accounts submitted and posted on the website were duly accepted.

At this time the Chair passed duty to the Co-Chair

6. Sabbatical Hours

The Co-Chair explained that Sabbatical Officers received a full time wage and should be working 35 hours a week on average, and called a vote on acceptance of the hours worked:

For : 30

Against : 0

Abstention : 5

Therefore Sabbatical working hours were duly accepted.

7. Motion

Trimester 1 Study Week

The SP presented the motion and after a discussion a vote was called on an amendment to add to Resolves 'Mandate Senate Representatives to work with the University to make sure there is a study week'.

For : 29

Against : 0

Abstention : 7

Therefore that amendment was duly accepted.

The discussion continued at length, thereafter the Co-Chair called a vote:

For : 36
Against : 0
Abstention : 1

Therefore, the amended motion was duly passed.

At this time, 3.26 p.m., one member was excused from the meeting

Change of name for BME Convenor

The proposer presented the motion and the Co-Chair called a vote:

For : 35
Against : 0
Abstention : 0

Therefore, the motion was duly passed.

At this time, 3.29 p.m., one member was excused from the meeting

GCUSA Mental Health

The proposer presented the motion and the Co-Chair called a vote:

At this time, 3.33 p.m., one member was excused from the meeting

For : 33
Against : 0
Abstention : 2

Therefore, the motion was duly accepted.

Computer idle time at GCU

The proposer presented the motion and after a lengthy discussion a vote was called on an amendment to add to Resolves 'That students work with the

University to find out the most efficient way to shut down computers during building closure times’.

For : 32
Against : 0
Abstention : 4

Therefore that amendment was duly accepted.

Further discussion took place and by general consensus the members agreed that the whole paper should be rewritten and re-presented at a future Parliament meeting.

8. CSP Elections

Sports Policy Group (4 captains)

The VPSS gave an explanation of the situation that resulted in vacancies on Sports Policy Group and the Co-Chair called for nominations. In the absence of 2 Student Parliament members the VP Sports & Societies proposed *:

Proposed : *Orla Armstrong
Seconded : Tomos Watts

Proposed : *Michelle Bowman
Seconded : Jas Sangha

Nominated : Graham Henderson
Seconded : Jennifer Cockburn

Nominated : Tomos Watts
Seconded : Kay Morrill

Nominated : Praveen Sukumaran
Seconded : Matthew Andrews

The RO advised that the decision would be by single transferable vote - the proposer was asked to give a speech in support, and nominees were asked to give a short speech, on why they should be elected. The Returning Officer advised that he would circulate the result by email.

{ Clerks note: The Returning Officer advised on results that **Orla Armstrong; Michelle Bowman; Graham Henderson** and **Tomos Watts** were all duly elected.

Stating that, as Praveen Sukumaran was not a Committee member, he had to be disqualified from the election}

9. Dates to Note

5 th March	NUS Awards
8 th March	Wellbeing Fayre
10 th March	Student Leaders Ball
11 th March	Fairtrade Friday
16 th March	Glasgow City Cup
15 th -17 th March	Nighthline
23 rd March	Caley Ball
23 rd March	NUS Demo Edinburgh
2 nd April	Sports Ball
7 th April	Star Awards (nomination deadline 18/3)
End date 30 th April	National Student Survey (For completion by last / final year students)

Meeting ended at 4.00 p.m.

**Date of next meeting
Friday 1st April 2011, at 2 p.m. in room NH208**



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GLASGOW CALEDONIAN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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Minutes of the (Sixth) Caledonian Student Parliament Meeting held on Friday 1st April, 2011, at 2.00 p.m. in Room NH208.

9. Sign In:

28 members present
Chair: Sharifa McLean
Co-Chair: Andrew Craib

Clerk: M Wilkinson

In attendance: Kevin Ward, RO
2 student observers

10. Apologies: 5, CSP members sent apologies advising they were unable to attend the meeting.

The Chair welcomed everyone, to the 6th, and last, CSP meeting of 2010/11 and at this time passed duty to the Co-Chair.

3. Previous Minutes,

It had been advised that one event was missed from the list of item 9, Dates to Note that should include:

‘15th March - Launch of Explore Pakistan Society. ‘

The Co-Chair called a vote on unconfirmed draft minutes of the 5th CSP meeting held on 4th March 2011. The Co-Chair advising that the vote was to include the unconfirmed draft minutes of Executive Committee and Policy Group's meetings as posted on the website to date.

For : 17

Against : 0

Abstention : 2

Therefore, amended minutes of the previous CSP meeting and minutes on outcome of Executive Committee and Policy Group meetings, as posted on the website to date, were duly approved.

4. Matters Arising

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

5. Reports

Executive Reports (as posted on website)

The VP Student Development stated that the closing date for nominations to the Student Led Teaching Awards was Friday 22nd April and urged members to vote and to also encourage fellow students to vote.

No additional points for note or questions raised of the reports

Office Bearer Reports (as posted on website)

No points for note or questions raised of the reports

School Officer Reports (as posted on website)

The SEC School Officer was asked to comment on the dramatic increase in student complaints during January. The Officer explained that there had been a few issues, notwithstanding the bad weather, no study time before December exams, then delayed results. The Officer stated that feedback had been an issue but as one to one meetings with tutors had been arranged quickly, and the students concerns addressed, this was not now an issue. The other matter raised had been that not all the modules had been relevant to the course. The VP Students Development replied that the subject of relevant course work had been discussed at the Learning & Teaching Committee meetings and that particular issue should be resolved for the next academic year.

To a query of the Business School Officer the Co-Chair advised that the matter should be raised with the CBS Officers after the meeting, as they were not present.

No further points for note or questions raised of the reports

NUS Conference Reports (as posted on website)

No points noted or questions raised.

At this point the Campaigns Officer stated that on behalf of the Executive Committee wished to give congratulation to the Co-Chair on winning the prestigious NUS Scotland Course Representative of the Year Award.

Congratulations were also given to the Chair, Sharifa McLean, on her recent election to NUS Scottish Steering Committee.

Association Management Accounts – Feb '11 YTD (as posted on the website)

No points noted or questions raised.

6. Sabbatical Hours (as posted on website)

The Co-Chair explained that Sabbatical Officers received a full time wage and should be working 35 hours a week on average.

No questions raised.

The Co-Chair called a vote on acceptance of all reports, as presented on the website.

For : 23

Against : 0

Abstention : 2

Therefore, Executive Reports, Office Bearers Reports, School Officer Reports, Managements Accounts and Sabbatical hours, as submitted and posted on the website, were duly accepted.

At this time the Co- Chair passed duty to the Chair

7. Motions

7.1 Changes to Constitution Motion

The proposer presented the motion and outlined the reasons for the changes and the Chair called a vote:

For : 21
Against : 0
Abstention : 3

Therefore the motion was duly passed.

7.2 Changes to Executive Committee Remits Motion

The proposer presented and gave a brief outline of the changes to the remits, advising that the Executive Committee had been fully consulted on the matter and had agreed the changes. The Chair called a vote:

For : 23
Against : 0
Abstention : 3

Therefore, the motion was duly passed.

7.3 Constitutional By-Laws tidy Up

The proposer presented the motion and gave a brief outline of the changes. The Chair called a vote:

For : 22
Against : 0
Abstention : 3

Therefore, the motion was duly passed.

7.4 Update the Schedules of the Constitution

The proposer presented the motion and gave a brief outline of the changes. The Chair called a vote:

For : 23
Against : 1
Abstention : 1

Therefore, the motion was duly accepted.

7.5 Quality Control Motion

The proposer presented the motion and a lengthy discussion took place. Some argued that Class Reps and School Officers already filled the role of gathering students' views. Others fully supported the proposal, feeling that the more student views that were heard the better. The members also discussed the logistics of whom, how and when the meetings could be held. The proposer gave a summing up and the Chair called a vote:

For : 17
Against : 0
Abstention : 8

Therefore, the motion was duly passed.

During the discussion 2 members had left the meeting, there now being 26 members and 2 observers present.

7.6 We're all in this Together Motion

The proposer presented the motion and a lengthy discussion took place. Some argued that the support already given to other institutes was good, and that support should continue to be given by the University and NUS. Others felt that engagement within the community should be discussed further. The proposer gave a summing up and the Chair called a vote:

During the discussion 5 members had left the meeting, there now being 21 members and 2 observers present.

For : 14
Against : 4
Abstention : 1

Therefore, the motion was duly passed.

7.7 Executive Term in Office Motion

The proposer presented the motion and a discussion took place, some felt the extra cost to support the transition was not warranted. The proposer explained that with the changeover to Trimesters and an earlier entry date set it was felt that the term of office should reflect that change. It was advised that the situation was a unique situation and the cost already budgeted for. The Chair called a vote:

During the discussion 1 member returned to the meeting, there was 22 members and 2 observers present.

For : 15
Against : 4
Abstention : 2

Therefore, the motion was duly passed

7.8 Sports & Societies Motion

The proposer presented the motion and the Chair called a vote:

During the discussion, 1 member left and 1 member returned to the meeting, there was 22 members and 2 observers present.

For : 20
Against : 0
Abstention : 2

Therefore, the motion was duly passed

7.9 Research Students 24 Hour Lab Access Motion

It was advised that the motion would not be presented at this meeting.

8. Affiliated Societies

The VP Sports and Societies presented the societies for ratification and after a short discussion the Chair called a vote:

For : 18
Against : 2
Abstention : 2

Therefore, the affiliated societies were duly ratified.

CSP Elections

Chair of Student Parliament

The Chair explained the role and asked for nominations:

Nominated: Ewan McLean
Seconded: Graham Veale

Nominated: Sharifa McLean
Seconded: Vasileios Vazos

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 during the meeting.

Returning Officer of Student Parliament

The Returning Officer advised on the new, student member role, and the chair called for nominations.

Nominated: Graham Veale
Seconded: Sharifa McLean

Therefore **Graham Veale** was duly elected

Student Representative on University Senate

The Student President gave an explanation of the role and the chair called for nominations:

Nominated: Simon Ward
Seconded: Keiran Livingston

Nominated: Ewan McLean
Seconded: John MacMillan

Nominated: Matt Wilberton
Seconded: Jas Sangha

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 during the meeting.

Student Representative on Senate Discipline Committee

Nominated: Praveen Sukumaran
Seconder: John MacMillan

Therefore, **Praveen Sukumaran**, was duly elected.

Taught Postgraduate Student Convenor

The VP Student Development gave an explanation of the role and the Chair called for nominations:

No Nominations

Therefore this position would be open for consideration at the 1st CSP meeting of 2011/12. **Action: Clerk**

Undergraduate Student Representative Learning & Teaching Subcommittee

The VP Student Development gave an explanation of the role and the Chair called for nominations:

Nominated: Emilia Todrova
Seconded: Keiran Livingston

Therefore, **Emilia Todrova** was duly elected.

At this time 3.54 p.m., 1 member left the meeting.

Sports Policy Group (7 Sports Committee members)

The VP Sports & Societies explained the role and the Chair called a vote:

Jamie Carr
Proposed by: Keiran Livingston
Seconded: Andrew Smith

Katie Wood
Proposed by: Andrew Smith
Seconded: Matte Andrews

Nominated: Nick Lowden
Seconded: Jas Sangha

Jenny Gorman
Proposed by: Andrew Smith
Seconded: Jas Sangha

Wayne Burrows
Proposed by: Peter Hollier
Seconded: Rory Herron

Nominated: Ross Marscheider
Seconded: Andrew Smith

Nominated: Amy Ross
Seconded: Matte Andrews

Therefore, **Jamie Carr; Nick Lowden, Katie Wood; Jenny Gorman; Wayne Burrows; Ross Marscheider** and **Amy Ross** were all duly elected.

Societies Policy Group (7 Societies Committee members)

The VP Sports & Societies explained the role and the Chair called a vote:

No Nominations

Clerk's Note: { During the meeting a member proposed, Taylor Scott, for the Societies Policy Group

Proposed by : John MacMillan
Seconded : Jas Sangha

Therefore **Taylor Scott** was duly elected as a Committee Member to the Societies Policy Group }

Therefore the remaining 6 places would be open for consideration at the 1st CSP meeting of 2011/12. **Action: Clerk**

University Residences Convenor

The Returning Officer advised that this position would be open for consideration at the 1st CSP meeting of 2011/12. **Action: Clerk**

At this time the Returning Officer was asked for nominations for outstanding contribution to Caledonian Student Parliament:

Dedicated Chairperson
Joint Proposal: Sharifa McLean & Andrew Craib

Dedicated – most frequent questioner
Proposed: Haroon Farooq

Those names would be put forward for consideration at the 7th Star Award ceremony to be held on Thursday 7th April.

{ Clerks Note: The winners for most outstanding contribution to Caledonian Student Parliament: Andrew Craib and Sharifa McLean }

At this time the Returning Officer advised that the result of the single transferable vote for Chair to Caledonian Student Parliament:

Stating **Sharifa McLean** was duly elected

At this point 1 member left the meeting

10. Saltire Centre Computer Application

The VPSD introduced the topic, and a student member explained the situation. After a short discussion it was suggested that this matter should be brought back, as a Motion, to the 1st CSP meeting of 2011/12.

During this discussion 2 observers left the meeting.

At this time the Returning Officer advised that the result of the single transferable vote for Student Representative on University Senate:

Stating **Matt Wilberton** was duly elected

11. Policy Lapse

A lengthy discussion took place and many questions asked on why it was necessary to lapse some policies.

During the discussion 1 member left the meeting

The Returning Officer gave an explanation on these matters.

At this time, 4.15 p.m., 1 member returned to the meeting.

As the discussions continued it was asked that some policies should be retained.

At this time, 4.20 p.m., 1 member left the meeting

The Chair called a vote to keep the Stagecoach and Nightline Policies:

At this point 2 members re-entered the meeting, there was 21 members present, the meeting was quorate.

For: 17
Against: 0
Abstention: 4

Therefore it was duly accepted that Stagecoach and Nightline Policies would be retained.

The Chair called a vote for all other policies to lapse:

For: 21
Against: 0
Abstention: 0

Therefore it was duly accepted that the policies would lapse.

Membership Feedback Policy

The Chair advised that due to time constraints this item would be brought forward for discussion at the first Student Parliament meeting of 2011/12.

To a request to present an Emergency Motion the Chair asked the members to decide:

For: 7
Against: 8
Abstention: 3

Therefore the request failed, and the proposer was advised to bring the motion to the first Student Parliament meeting of 2011/12

The Chair advised that she would accept nominations for Honorary Life Membership:

John MacMillan
Proposed by : Sharifa McLean
Seconded : Jas Sangha

Therefore **John MacMillan** duly elected

Emma McLeod
Proposed by : John McNeil
Seconded : Jas Sangha

Therefore **Emma McLeod** duly elected

Jas Sangha
Proposed by : Andrew Smith
Seconded : Matt Wilberton

Therefore **Jas Sangha** duly elected

James McGuire
Proposed by : Simon Ward
Seconded : John MacMillan

Therefore **James McGuire** duly elected

John McNeil

Proposed by : Sharifa McLean

Seconded : Graham Veale

Therefore **John McNeil** duly elected

Sara Caithness

Proposed by : Andrew Smith

Seconded : Keiran Livingston

Therefore **Sara Caithness** duly elected

Keiran Livingston

Proposed by : Simon Ward

Seconded : John MacMillan

Therefore **Keiran Livingston** duly elected

Andrew Craib

Proposed by : Sharifa McLean

Seconded : Graham Veale

Therefore **Andrew Craib** duly elected

Laura Howell

Proposed by : Andrew Smith

Seconded : Keiran Livingston

Therefore **Laura Howell** duly elected

{ **Clerks Note:** Laura Howell was awarded Honorary Life Membership in 2009/10 Academic year.}

Andrew Smith

Proposed by : Rory Herron

Seconded : Jas Sangha

Therefore **Andrew Smith** duly elected

Gordon Monroe
Proposed by : Rory Herron
Seconded : John MacMillan

Therefore **Gordon Monroe** duly elected

Jennifer Cockburn
Proposed by : Jas Sangha
Seconded : Matte Andrews

Therefore **Jennifer Cockburn** duly elected

Ruairidh Pritchard
Proposed by : Jas Sangha
Seconded : Matte Andrews

Therefore **Ruairidh Pritchard** duly elected

There being no objections to the any nomination the honorary memberships were duly granted.

9. Dates to Note None presented

Meeting ended at 4.35 p.m.
Date of next meeting TBA