

SRC #1 Minutes

Attendees

[REDACTED]

Apologies

[REDACTED]

Housekeeping:

- [REDACTED] welcomed members and speakers to the meeting. Noted number in SRC being less than was hoped, however, hopefully to be remedied through the by-election.
- Apologies from [REDACTED].

Minutes of the Last Meeting:

- Minutes of the last SRC were circulated to members prior to the meeting, and approved in the meeting.

Open Business:

- [REDACTED] spoke on the Teaching and Learning Enhancement Strategy.
 - o Questions regarding the above on Live Lectures and in-Lecture Q&As online. Similar questions on recording lectures. [REDACTED] responded to both stating these could be part of a digital strand of the strategy.
- Query about cleaning keyboards more regularly (a scrub not a wipe)
- Query about timetabling and access to computers. [REDACTED] confirmed that the accessibility of IT systems was part of the plan.
- Question about paper-less assessments: [REDACTED] informed the students that the plan is have paper free exams by 2023.
- Question about distance learning in Abertay. [REDACTED] says that the distance-learning portfolio but looking into it, yes something on the agenda and online material would be available for on-site campus.
- [REDACTED] spoke about strategic plan 2020-2025 and would like to know what the students will put in the strategic plan. High level strategy for the next 5 years, hoping that will be sign off by the court in November, in action by next summer. Focus on online and digital delivery. Description of Abertay priorities and purposes.
- Question about focus-group with students for ELIR. No question, absolutely, students will be involved in ELIR. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] informed the rep that the Students Association is involved in the strategy.
- Any strategy can be resumed in "everything will be good" students' thoughts. Answer; focus on simplify and prioritize things to know what happen in year 1 year 2 etc.
- [REDACTED] requests to have thoughts before end of the week if possible.

- Question about why bar one closed – ██████ answered that it was a cost problem, not really a choice, usage was not good. OW informed the members that he will give more information about it in his update part. Ensues a short discussion about social spaces in different universities in Scotland and especially DUSA.

Reserved Business:

- **Introduction to SRC:**
 - o SRC has been changed to being a round-table discussion rather than a presentation-style meeting. SRC remains the first and foremost democratic body of the Students' Association.
 - o Policy and Motions are passed, generally speaking, by majority vote (half+1).
 - o Motions are the main driver of policy and campaigns. ██████ explained the process of writing and passing motions. Question on amendments to motions, and the process on those. Amendments to motions must be notified between the initial release of papers and the meeting of SRC, via communication with the chair of SRC.
 - o Discussion on motions on referenda and motions of no-confidence in officers. Note made that Sabb and Exec Officers are accountable to SRC and can thus be subject to such motions. ██████ to send more details on the procedure behind referenda and no-confidence motions to SRC members.
- **Students leadership update:**
 - o ██████ and ██████ gave their updates.
 - o ██████ sent his apologies and sent a paper on his activities, presented by ██████.

Any questions or concerns?

- ██████ is shocked and appalled about lack of report from other SLT Officers.
- Question and clarification on the status of accelerated degrees.
- Speaking of class rep are there plans for Division Reps to meet Class Reps. ██████ said that the SA will be happy facilitating meetings with Class Reps and will have relevant members updates and info on this sent in due course.
- Lecturers can't give Class Reps names. ██████ said that the SA can give them and will send them. ██████ thinks that it should be publicly available on our website.
- How is emails working for Division Reps? Division Reps speak to SRC. Class Reps speak to Division Reps. Class Reps speaks to students.

Student leadership minutes:

- ██████ clarified that the minutes presented are only from the latest meeting, and that 4 SLT meetings had taken place since the start of the Summer.
- Concerns raised by members at Executive Officers not engaging with SLT meetings.

- Minutes approved by SRC.

2018-19 SRC Motions for reiteration:

Motion relapse at the end of academic year, last SRC. Normally put up to reiteration at the first SRC of the year. Paper shows all the motion and small explanations. OW clarifies that as stand-in Chair and Clerk, Sabbatical Officers will not be counted as voting members for this agenda item.

- **Students Against Universal Credit** – ■■■ speaks for re-iteration, explaining context behind motion and events since. 4 vote FOR reiteration, 0 Against, 1 abstention.
- **NSS Boycott** – ■■■ spoke against the NSS motion reasoning boycotting is not a solution to education marketisation, ■■■ and ■■■ spoke against wishing for a new updated to be put forward to SRC for debate later in the year. 0 vote for reiteration, 4 AGAINST, 1 abstention.
- **Mental Health Working Group** -- No one speaks for. ■■■ speaks against, wishing for the working group to be reformed under an updated motion. 0 vote for reiteration, 3 AGAINST, 2 abstentions.
- **Abertay Against Courses Cut** – motion about courses cut that happened last year, solidarity. ■■■ speaks against, see no needs to carry it because those courses are cut. 0 vote for reiteration, 5 AGAINST, 0 abstentions.
- **Cap the Rent** – ■■■ speaks for the motion. Explains last year's successes and shortcomings. Question on whether the motion was clear in the difference between University owned halls and private halls. 4 vote FOR reiteration, 0 against, 1 abstention.
- **There is Strength in a Union** – ■■■ spoke for the motion. Question for ■■■; is the campaign about raising awareness or encourage students to join specific unions? Answer raising awareness. ■■■ pointed out error in motion summary vs actual motion. ■■■ apologised for mistake made. Motion will be brought back as a new motion for SRC to vote on. 0 vote for reiteration, 4 AGAINST, 1 abstention.
- **Fair Deal for Hospitality Workers** – ■■■ spoke for the motion. Question around Unite and other unions being involved, which OW answered. 4 vote FOR reiteration, 0 against, 1 abstention.
- **Students in Charge of Democracy** - ■■■ speaks against because the Democracy Review the motion is linked to is concluded. 0 vote for reiteration, 5 AGAINST, 0 abstentions.

- **Abertay SA Against Unethical Investments** – ■■■ speaks for, giving context behind University investments. 4 vote FOR reiteration, 0 against, 1 abstention.
- **Democracy Working Group** – ■■■ speaks against because it is a democracy review that has concluded. 0 vote for reiteration, 5 AGAINST, 0 abstentions.

Any other business:

- ■■■ notified SRC of a Constitutional Review Working Group being formed on a Trustee level.
- Looking for 1 Community Rep and 1 Division Rep to join this Working Group. More details will be sent once more Reps have been elected.

Any Other Business:

- ■■■ started a roundtable intro of members.

Date of next meeting: 19th November 2019