

Aberdeen University Students' Association
Minutes of AUSA General Meeting 12th of November 2019 5pm
New King's room 6

Agenda Item		Action
1	<p>1. Housekeeping</p> <p>The Chair Lea Rattei (LR) opened the meeting when quorum was met at 6pm exactly. LR explained housekeeping rules in terms of voting and speaking on motions.</p>	
2	<p>2. Approval of minutes from October Student Council</p> <p>LR asked if there were any questions regarding the minutes. None were asked and LR moved the meeting to a vote.</p> <p>The minutes were approved with an overwhelming majority.</p>	<p>2. Action point:</p> <p>October 2019 Student Council minutes approved.</p>
3	<p>3. Co-options to Student Council</p> <p>LR explained what co-options are and displayed the list on the screen which was also included in the reading materials online. LR asked if any there are any questions or objections, none were presented. LR suggested that all co-options to be approved at once.</p> <p>LR moved the meeting to a vote. Co-options were approved with an overwhelming majority.</p>	<p>3. Action point:</p> <p>Co-options approved.</p>
4	<p>4. Policy Updates</p> <p>The Chair asked the Sabbatical Officers to give updates on the policies they are monitoring. After each update students were welcome to ask questions.</p> <p><u>-Cecilia Wallback (CW) Student President:</u> CW gave an update on the two motions passed regarding food variety and library access during last Council meeting. CW said discussions were ongoing and more updates are to follow. CW said the recently passed Societies Union committee byelaw amendment has been overturned by the Trustee Board but discussions are to follow to improve the byelaw.</p> <p><u>-Dariya Koleva (DK) Education Officer:</u> DK gave an update on the 'Suspension of studies and leave of absence' policy and said that she has been working to streamline the process of students in sustained study accessing resources and facilities. DK also mentioned that the NUS referendum will take place the next term.</p>	

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	<p><u>-Louise Henrard (LH) Communities Officer:</u> LH gave an update on the Bus prices campaign policy and said that she in the process of organising meetings with First Bus. LH also mentioned that UCU strikes are happening and more information is to follow.</p> <p>Rosie Benny (RB) from the Gaudie asked LH what makes her think she can make a difference, as this was worked on by the previous Student President for several years. LH responded that the policy is taking a new approach to work with other student unions, which will hopefully strengthen the campaign.</p> <p>George Stoian (GS) asked about the 35p charge for paper cups in the Union building, to which CW responded that this has nothing to do with AUSA but that the charge is to discourage the use of single use cups. GS asked if AUSA had power to change this, to which CW said no but AUSA is in support of the cost due to its purpose of discouraging single use.</p> <p>Angus Hepburn (AH) asked what AUSA's position is on the UCU strikes, to which LH responded that AUSA has a policy 'Their Jobs Our Education' which passed in Council that mandates the Sabbs to support the strikes.</p> <p><u>-Alexander Acheampong (AA) Welfare Officer:</u> AA gave an update on the Alcohol Impact policy, which lapsed in October 2019. AA said that he is aiming to redraft the policy and bring a renewed version to Council.</p> <p><u>-Isla Scott (IS) Sports Officer:</u> IS said she is not currently responsible for any policies.</p> <p>Andrew Fry (AF) asked a question regarding the broken lighting in the female changing rooms at King's Pavilion, to which IS said she was not aware that this was still an issue and she would follow this up with University Estates as soon as possible.</p>	
<p>5</p>	<p>5. Accountability session for Sabbatical Officers</p> <p>The Sabb team was asked to give a brief oral summary of their work reports, after which students would be able to ask questions.</p> <p><u>-Student President:</u> CW highlighted various aspects of her work report, including the AURORA Network conference she attended, the ongoing art exhibition at the Union building and the Qatar campus's first graduation ceremony. CW encouraged anyone who wants to get involved in the art exhibition to get in touch with her.</p>	<p>5. Action point:</p> <p>All work reports approved.</p>

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Alex Mason (AM) asked a question regarding access to Marischal College, to which CW said it is a long-term project which will take at least 18 months.

The Chair moved the meeting to a vote to approve the work report. Approved with simple majority.

-Education Officer: DK encouraged students to email her if anyone has questions about her work report. DK mentioned the launch of Teaching Excellence Awards for this academic year for which students can find the application online. DK also mentioned representation meetings with PGR students and the International Study Centre, ongoing work with online students' representation and a University wide late submission policy that is being worked on.

Meeting moved to a vote as no questions were asked. Work report approved with overwhelming majority.

-Welfare Officer: AA mentioned aspects from his work report such as ongoing work with student support, SAD lamps being made available and the BSL working group. AA mentioned that his work report is available online and on his social media.

No questions were asked and meeting moved to a vote. Work report was approved with an overwhelming majority.

-Communities Officer: LH mentioned several aspects of her work report, including the acquirement of food waste bins on campus, reusable pads and menstrual cups made available and meetings with the Community Council.

Alisa Koester (AK) asked if LH is still working on the Fossil Free policy, to which LH said that the previous Communities Officer had worked on a partial agreement with the Finance Manager and partial divestment, but since that there has not been much progress as University has switched financial advisors. LH said she will post updates if she has any.

A student complained about the poor state of recycling in Hillhead, to which LH replied that she has spoken with Hillhead management and new bins have been ordered and she is also working with AberGreen to provide food bin liners.

Julius Lajtha (JL) mentioned that the food court is still struggling with the dishwashers, and highlighted that LH needs to pressure University to get this fixed and not use disposable plates. LH agreed.

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	<p>AF asked who supplies the University's gas and electricity, to which LH responded that she is not sure but can find out more information. CW also added that AUSA is actively lobbying University to be more sustainable and the discussion is ongoing.</p> <p>The Chair moved the meeting to a vote. Work report was approved with an overwhelming majority.</p> <p><u>-Sports Officer:</u> IS highlighted various aspects of her work report, such as the development of the Sports Buddy Scheme, Sports Ball planning, launch of a new method of reporting facilities issues and ongoing democratic review discussions.</p> <p>No questions were asked and the meeting moved to a vote. Work report was approved with an overwhelming majority.</p>	
<p>6</p>	<p>6. Motions 6.1 Motion to abolish Sabbatical Officer Oral Work reports</p> <p>Derek Gardiner (DG) was asked to introduce the motion. DG explained that the motion aims to remove the oral work report summaries from Student Council agendas, as they take too much time from other items such as motions. DG said the motion suggests the oral summary should be replaced with a Q&A session instead.</p> <p>The Chair asked if there were any questions, none were asked. The meeting moved to debate.</p> <p>DK spoke against the motion and argued that the reports themselves do not take too much time, but rather the questions afterwards.</p> <p>Paul Senoyuit (PS) spoke in favour of the motion by stating that the oral summaries take too much time and that students should ask questions if they have any it takes time, students should ask questions if they have them.</p> <p>Jack Boag (JB) argued against this motion by highlighting the need for a session where Sabbs can be held to account and summaries can be heard, and that eliminating this does not save significant time.</p> <p>Meeting moved to a vote. The motion did not pass.</p> <p>A student requested a quorum check. After the count, the Chair informed students that quorum had been lost and the meeting would be closed.</p>	<p>6. Action point:</p> <p>Motion 6.1 does not pass.</p> <p>Motions 6.2 and 6.3 and the remaining agenda items were not discussed due to loss of quorum.</p>

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	<p>CW highlighted to students that the Trustee Board can call another General Meeting or Council members can petition there to be another Council meeting to discuss the remaining items.</p>	
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