



Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees held on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> September 2012 in the Boardroom, Paisley Students' Union commencing at 10.30am.

Cara Lee, DPEW, in the Chair  
 Meeting Commenced 10.30am

**Sederunt**

Garry Quigley	President (Pres)
Cara Lee	Depute President Education & Welfare (DPEW)
Ewan McCreath	Campus President Ayr (CPA)
Alastair Adamson	Sports President (SP)
Kate Shearer	Campus President Hamilton (CPH)
Stuart McCabe	Ordinary Trustee Paisley (SM)
Thomas McLaren	Ordinary Trustee Hamilton (TM)
Jack Douglas	Ordinary Trustee Paisley (JD)
Nick Targontsidis	Ordinary Trustee Paisley (NT)

**In Attendance**

Caroline Sharp General Manager/Returning Officer (GM/RO)

**Apologies for absence –**

Dorothy Watson, Ordinary Trustee Hamilton (DW)  
 Chair noted the resignation of Liam Pollock, Ordinary Trustee Ayr.

**1. Minutes of previous meeting.**

**a. Acceptance**

Minutes from the previous meeting (20120723) were agreed as an accurate record.

**b. Matters arising – none.**

**2. Reports of the Office Bearers.**

**a. Acceptance –**

- i. President – written report. SP asked how the Gathering had gone. President reported that the workshops were very good but the whole event seemed to be very cheap, and rushed being squeezed into one day. Feedback has been forwarded to NUS from delegates. President noted that NUS' priority campaign can be edited to fit in with UWS circumstances. There was discussion on UKBA activity. Report accepted.
- ii. DPEW – written report. NT asked about attitudes to student activism training. There was discussion regarding the report which was produced through joint research with SAUWS and Strathclyde SA. President asked about mitigation policy changes and DPEW reported that this is still being considered and the policy will not be changing this year. President highlighted the need for ongoing communication between sabbs to ensure that we are coherent in our response to requests for opinion, especially on policy creation or amendment. Lead and Change was good training. Report accepted.
- iii. SP – written report. Pyros coaching camp was well attended. Report accepted. Reports (from 2 previous dates) are now accepted.
- iv. CPA – written report. President noted that it is not acceptable for Finance offices in Ayr and Hamilton to be shut during the summer and that this should

- be noted at both SEG and at the monthly finance meeting this Friday. Report accepted.
- v. CPH – written report. CPA asked about Mecca bingo who will be attending during Freshers’. This is bingo for prizes rather than cash and it was agreed that this would not be gambling and will not pose a welfare issue. NT asked about support from Marketing and Commercial staff, and it was confirmed that this has been very good. Report accepted.
  - vi. DW – written report. Report not accepted due to absence.
  - vii. JD – Written report. JD confirmed that the NUS meeting was about Liberation groups. DPEW congratulated JD on winning an ‘Activist of the Year’ award from LGBT Youth. Report accepted.
  - viii. SM – oral report. Attended a Court Disciplinary meeting on behalf of SAUWS. Report accepted.
  - ix. TM – oral report. Has been busy organising his own return to studies with the University and with SAAS. Attended Court Disciplinary and spoke to CAB about doing a drop in session in Hamilton. Report accepted.
  - x. NT – oral report. Has been working a lot during the summer. Moved ski equipment and looked into sports and socs stuff with AI and attended a focus group regarding the rebranding of Friday nights. NT advised that the Ski equipment is to be sold, GM advised checking the SAUWS asset register to see if this is fully depreciated. JD asked how many meetings NT has attended? NT confirmed that this is the first meeting that he has attended although apologies have been submitted for meetings which have been missed.

#### **b. Sabbatical Holidays**

- i. President – 28<sup>th</sup> Sept, 19<sup>th</sup> Oct
- ii. CPA – 8<sup>th</sup> Oct, week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> March.
- iii. DPEW – week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> Nov, next week off for wisdom tooth removal Mon- Wed.
- iv. CPH – 15-19<sup>th</sup> Oct

### **3. Reports from Committees etc – none.**

### **4. Business Introduced by Office Bearers.**

#### **a. Financial Accounts to end July 2012**

GM – confirmed that unfortunately this report was not yet available and would be tabled for the next meeting. GM advised that accounts would be produced on a quarterly basis for the first 3 months of the year.

#### **b. SAUWS Estimates 2012-2013**

President – presented the finalised estimates for the financial year 2012-2013 for formal approval by the Board. SP made the point that ACS’ submission was a bit pointless as they only got what was left and in terms of development it was a bit of a backwards step as his plans for this year have to change as he can no longer encourage engagement from students. SP will be asking for a lot of help this year. DPEW noted that the ACS submission was made late. The estimates are now approved.

#### **c. SAUWS Hardship Bursary and Loan Policy**

President – introduced this policy which takes account of any comments received since the last meeting. There was discussion regarding how the UWS Finance dept deal with students who have not repaid loans prior to progressing to the next year of study. President confirmed that this is regularly discussed at the monthly finance meeting with Student Link and Dean of Students, and that this policy will strengthen our case. This policy is now approved.

#### **d. London Demonstration**

President – last year’s NUS Conference voted in favour of having a national demo this autumn. President proposes that we stage some sort of local action and that we should be supportive of the demo but that we should not actually take part in the demo. President proposed that we get groups of students to do something worthwhile within

our local communities to demonstrate the valuable contribution that students make within these communities. President proposed that we will not be sending students to the demo, that we support students who do go to the demo, that our students will be doing something worthwhile in our local communities. President will circulate a statement for acceptance by the Board outwith the meeting. The message is agreed, just the wording to be confirmed.

**e. Consultation on Assessment**

DPEW – introduced the proposed changes to this policy for comments from the Board. DPEW will circulate her report by 7<sup>th</sup> Sept for comments from the Board which should be received by 17<sup>th</sup> and this will be collated and returned to Des Nicholl by 18<sup>th</sup> Sept.

**f. External Communications with Press**

President – All press releases should have a sabb or trustees' name on it and it should be reviewed by a sabb prior to being sent out. This demonstrates that we are student led. The designated sabbatical officer will be campus presidents for Ayr or Hamilton, President for Paisley. An email is to be sent to staff to communicate this.

**g. Approval of External Office**

DPEW – sought approval from the Board to serve as a volunteer on the Children's Panel. Following short discussion of what this would require, the Board gave their approval.

**h. Safe Space Policy**

JD – Introduced an updated policy for acceptance by the Board. Point 7 needs clarification prior to this being accepted. This can be approved outside of the meeting.

**i. Ordinary Trustee Email Accounts**

GM – there has been a request from one of the Ordinary Trustees for a SAUWS email account. GM asked if all OTs are to be issued with these and if so, what should they be? First Name .second name @sauws.org.uk for Stuart, Tom, Nick and Jack.

**j. Stagecoach**

JD/CPH/President – There has been objections raised by members of the LGBTQ regarding advertising of Stagecoach within SAUWS. This is due to the beliefs of Sir Brian Souter and his views towards the rights of LGBTQ students. There was discussion regarding the implications of Stagecoach's marketing agreement with SAUWS. President will respond to the student who objected on behalf of the Board. This will be raised at Students' Council for consideration of a referendum.

**k. Election Timetable**

GM – proposed the elections timetable for acceptance by the Board. The Board advised that these dates had already been decided at another meeting. GM requested that the Board notify her as returning officer of such decisions. CPA agreed to notify GM following the meeting.

**5. Motions**

**a. Votes for 16**

President introduced the attached motion.

This will go forward to Students' Councils to be voted on.

**6. Elections – none.**

**7. AOCB**

**a. JD – Ordinary Trustee title.**

JD proposed that the title of 'ordinary trustee' be changed as part of the constitutional review.

**b. SM – mental health training.**

SM requested an update on whether this would be available. DPEW confirmed that this would be delivered via the University as campaign training.

**Date of the next meeting:** President will send round a doodle to decide the date of the next meeting, commencing at 10.30am.

Jack Douglas, Ordinary Trustee Paisley, in the Chair.

**Meeting Closed 12.50pm.**