

**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Board of Directors held on  
Monday 10 February 2025 on MS Teams**

**Present:**

Gary Husband  
Andy McGoff  
Howell Davies  
Margaret McLean  
Alyson Tobin  
Stuart Moir  
George Currie  
Zoi Zompopolou  
Lee Ryan  
Roddy Henry

Chair, Board of Directors  
Member, Board of Directors  
Support Staff Member, Board of Directors  
Teaching Staff Member, Board of Directors  
Student Member, Board of Directors  
Principal

**In attendance:**

Mary Slater  
Ingrid Earp

Director of Operations  
Board Secretary

**Apologies:**

Susanne Schulz, Aislinn Wood, Jane Grant and Colin Pritchard

Agenda item	
<b>Part A – Opening Business</b>	
<b>1.</b>	<p><b>Welcome, Apologies and Declaration of Interests</b> The Chair welcomed everyone to the extraordinary Board Meeting and noted apologies as above.</p>
<b>Part B – Items for Approval</b>	
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>Russian Language School Groups (Paper 1)</b> The Principal talked through the paper noting that the purpose of the paper is to ask for Board approval to accept Russian students as part of the St Andrews language school summer group.</p> <p>Comments and questions from Members: The further clarification provided in the paper was welcomed by the Board.</p> <p>Q: If Ukrainian students were part of a visiting group of students or a student of the College how would that be handled should Russian students also be here at the same time? A: This will not be a problem for the foreseeable future, and certainly not until the end of the summer when the visiting Russian students will have left. Should a/some Ukrainian student(s) be studying at the College then it would be likely Russian students would be declined.</p>

	<p>Q: Would any other current students be likely to have issue with Russian students? A: These students would be part of a summer visiting group and no NAC students will be on campus at that time.</p> <p>Q: From a commercial point of view will it be difficult to get other funding at that level to fill the potential gap? A: It would be difficult to fill those 'places' now with other students over the summer period.</p> <p>Q: Is there any reputational risk to the College? Perhaps have some comms drafted?</p> <p>Q: Will there be greater sensitivities with Wisconsin for example? A: No issues are perceived but a conversation will be had with them, a big driver for the Wisconsin students is the cultural exchange/experience so they would likely welcome other nationalities.</p> <p>Q: If the Russian students can't come/pull out/have visas denied will St Andrews recompense the College for loss of income? A: A Service Level Agreement (SLA) is in place which puts in place that St Andrews have agreed to pay for a minimum number of beds regardless of whether they are used or not. Anything over that would be a loss to the College.</p> <p>From the NAC student point of view it was noted that the students were open to visitors from all countries and cultures and wished to be seen as inclusive and welcoming, however as previously noted there will be NAC students on campus at the time of the proposed visit.</p> <p><b>Decision: Having discussed the paper the Board agreed to approve the paper as presented and the inclusion of Russian students as part of summer language school visits.</b></p>
<b>Part C – For Discussion</b>	
	No items
<b>Part D – For Information</b>	
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>Any other business</b> There were no other items of business.</p>
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b> Thursday 20 March 2025 on campus. A light buffet will be available from 4.00pm</p>