

SSS Election Nominations 26/27

Nominees:

1. Executive Committee
 - a. SSS Chair (x1 position available)
 - i. Jonny Pearson – Edinburgh College
 - b. Development Committee Chair (x1 position available)
 - i. Vacant
 - c. Staff Member (x2 positions available)
 - i. Chris Sellar – Heriot-Watt University
 - ii. Mark Munro – University of Edinburgh
 - iii. Susan Brown – Edinburgh Napier
 - d. Student Member (x3 positions available)
 - i. Hamza Siddiqi - Glasgow Caledonian University
 - ii. Tilly Galvin – University of Strathclyde
 - iii. Eilidh McQuillan – University of Glasgow
2. Development Committee
 - a. Chair (x1 position available)
 - i. Vacant
 - b. Staff Member (x4 positions available)
 - i. Craig Stephen – Edinburgh Napier
 - ii. Amber Main – University of Edinburgh
 - iii. Anna Edvaldsson – University of Stirling
 - iv. Vacant
 - c. Student Member (College) (x1 position available)
 - i. Vacant
 - d. Student Member (University) (x2 positions available)
 - i. Joseph Macdonald – RGU
 - ii. Connie Chen – University of Edinburgh
 - iii. Aidan Horsburgh – University of St Andrews
 - iv. Morgan McMillan – University of Dundee
 - v. Chris Piper – Heriot-Watt University
 - vi. Hannah Cowie – University of Aberdeen
3. Competitions Committee
 - a. Staff Member (x1 position available)
 - i. Johnathan MacLeod – UWS
 - ii. Megan Robertson – Edinburgh Napier
 - iii. Scott Ball – University of Edinburgh
 - b. Student Member (x2 positions available)
 - i. Toni Woods – UWS
 - ii. Vacant
 - c. Sports Chair (x1 position available)
 - i. Aonghus Sellar – SS Football
4. Honorary Life Membership
 - a. Paul McPate

Nominations below

1. Executive Committee

a. SSS Chair (x1 position available)

i.

Name	Jonny Pearson
Institution	Edinburgh College
Committee	Executive Committee
Seconding Institutions	Edinburgh College Heriot-Watt University (Ross Campbell)
	I would like to offer my services to continue in the role of Chair of Scottish Student Sport. I believe I provide strong, strategic, and values-driven leadership at a time when the student sport sector requires stability, collaboration, and a clear vision for the future. Throughout my tenure, I have demonstrated a deep commitment to widening participation, enhancing the student experience, and ensuring that Scottish Student Sport remains responsive to the needs of its diverse membership. I have consistently championed partnership working, bringing together universities, colleges, governing bodies, and stakeholders to strengthen opportunities for students across Scotland. My leadership style is inclusive and collegiate. I listen to a wide range of perspectives, encourage constructive challenge, and help build consensus around shared priorities. This approach has enabled the organisation to navigate challenges effectively while maintaining a strong focus on delivering positive outcomes for students and member institutions. In addition, I bring significant experience from the education sector, providing valuable insight into the wider strategic environment in which Scottish Student Sport operates. My understanding of student wellbeing, inclusion, leadership development, and institutional governance has helped ensure that the organisation remains relevant, ambitious, and impactful. I remain totally committed to the mission and vision of SSS and would relish the opportunity to serve again as Chair.

b. Development Committee Chair (x1 position available)

i. Vacant

c. Staff Member (x2 positions available)

i.

Name	Chris Sellar
Institution	Heriot-Watt University
Committee	Executive Committee
Seconding Institutions	Katherine Duncan (University of Edinburgh) and Jonny Pearson (Edinburgh College)
	Having served on SSS committees since 2011, including the last 4 years on the SSS Executive Committee, I have developed a strong understanding of the organisation's operations, governance, and strategic priorities. My time on the

	committee has been hugely rewarding, and I am keen to continue contributing at a deeper level. The past 2 years have been a challenging period for the organisation, yet the staff team, supported by the Executive, has navigated significant structural change with professionalism and resilience. Being part of this transition has strengthened my appreciation of the organisation's needs, and I believe this experience positions me well to support continued stability and future growth. I am deeply passionate about student sport and the student experience, having worked in the sector professionally since 2011. In my current role as Director of Delivery at Oriam, I sit on the executive & senior managements teams and oversee more than 30 employees and over 50 self employed practitioners across six departments, including the Sports Union and other areas that contribute to student participation and experience. This operational and leadership background ensures I am well placed to contribute meaningfully to the ongoing business of SSS.
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ii.

Name	Mark Munro
Institution	University of Edinburgh
Committee	Executive Committee
Seconding Institutions	Strathclyde University (Neil Brown) University of Edinburgh
	Student sport in Scotland has been at the heart of my personal participation and my working career because I have seen first hand the difference it makes to people's lives. It creates opportunities, builds confidence, develops future leaders and provides experiences that stay with students long after they leave university. That is why I am passionate about supporting Scottish Student Sport and helping it continue to realise its full potential. Over the past 25+ years, I have worked across a wide range of leadership roles within Scottish and UK sport, building strong relationships and a trusted network across governing bodies, institutions and partner organisations. Combined with my experience as Director at the University of Edinburgh and previously at Abertay, I believe this gives me both the strategic perspective and collaborative approach needed to contribute effectively to the Executive Council. Despite the incredible work taking place across our sector, I still believe student sport is too often undervalued, not only within the wider sporting system, but sometimes within our own institutions. We have a powerful story to tell about the contribution student sport makes to health, wellbeing, participation, performance and the development of Scotland's future workforce and leaders. I would be proud to use my experience, passion and connections to continue to champion our sector, strengthen partnerships and help the work of Scottish Student Sport continue to grow in influence, reputation and impact.

iii.

Name	Susan Brown
Institution	Edinburgh Napier University
Committee	Executive Committee
Seconding Institutions	Edinburgh Napier University (Austen Brunton, Co-President of Sports and Well-being) Glasgow Clyde College (Asst Principal Health, Wellbeing & Management, Claire Glen)
	I would bring to the Executive Council strategic leadership, sound judgement and a record of turning evidence and partnerships into action. As Professor and Head of Sport Engagement at Edinburgh Napier University, I work across disciplines and with partners to use sport to improve student experience, workforce development and social impact. My governance experience includes serving as Vice Chair of CIMSPA's Scottish Professional Development Board, Chair of its Education Sub-Group and Scotland's representative on the UK Sport and Physical Activity Workforce Observatory Board. These roles require me to shape strategy, influence policy, scrutinise priorities and represent diverse interests. I have led teams, developed sector-facing education and workforce initiatives, and built productive relationships with organisations including the Scottish FA, sportscotland, Scottish Rugby, UEFA and CIMSPA. My work has generated external investment and supported inclusive opportunities for students, athletes, and the workforce. I would use this experience to help shape SSS's refreshed strategy, strengthen advocacy and partner relationships, and provide constructive oversight of resources, accountability and inclusion. At a time of financial and organisational challenge, I would be an active, collaborative Council member, focused on sustainable decisions that deliver tangible value for students and member institutions across Scotland.

d. Student Member (x3 positions available)

i.

Name	Hamza Siddiqi
Institution	Glasgow Caledonian University
Committee	Executive Committee
Seconding Institutions	Glasgow Caledonian University University of Strathclyde
	My name is Hamza Siddiqi, I am a Sabbatical Officer at Glasgow Caledonian University Students' Association, where I represent students and work collaboratively with university leaders to improve the student experience. I am an active member of GCU's Powerlifting Club and currently serving my second year as a student member of the University Court, giving me valuable experience in governance, strategy, and representing diverse student perspectives in decision-making.

	I am nominating myself for the SSS Executive Council because I believe student voices should be central in shaping the future of sport across Scotland. Sport has the power to transform lives by improving wellbeing, building confidence, creating community, and supporting student success. However, many students still face barriers to participation, including financial pressures, accessibility challenges, underrepresentation of some groups, and cultures that can make sport feel unwelcoming, including sexism and misogyny. Promoting equality, inclusion, and access continues to be an important priority for SSS. Through my experience in student leadership, governance, and representation, I would bring a strategic student perspective to the Executive Council. I am committed to making student sport in Scotland inclusive, accessible, sustainable, and responsive to the needs of all students, regardless of their background, identity, or circumstances
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ii.

Name	Tilly Galvin
Institution	University of Strathclyde
Committee	Executive Committee
Seconding Institutions	University of Strathclyde Robert Gordon University
	Staff and sabb collaboration is crucial to open discussion, and a committee is most effective when every individual feels comfortable, heard, and valued. At university, I have been the President of Women's Football, Women's Second Team Captain for Badminton, and Events Officer for the Sports Union. I also volunteer in the leadership team for a youth-work charity. Through these committees, I have assisted with a variety of achievements such as child protection policy implementation, raising over £3,000 for charity, and introducing a second team in Strathclyde's Women's Football. SSS' strategy truly aligns and resonates with the personal goals I have at the University of Strathclyde, with key focuses on activity, inclusivity, and ambition. Through engaging in conversations and plans previously discussed at SSS, I am not alone in this constant battle. These include shared struggles with EHRC guidelines isolating our transgender students, SSS' strategy acknowledgement, and striving for unity and inclusion truly resonates with me. Student experience is at the heart of being a sports sabb and as a committee member on Executive Council, I would be proud to champion those that are unrepresented through meeting these goals as a collective in implementing the SSS strategy by 2027.

iii.

Name	Eilidh McQuillan
Institution	University of Glasgow
Committee	Executive Committee
Seconding Institutions	University of Glasgow, University of Edinburgh

	I am incredibly passionate about all aspects of the Executive Committee's work, whilst maintaining a particular interest specifically in gender equality, widening participation, and LGBTQ+ inclusion. If elected, I would be especially eager to champion projects focussed on belonging and culture, wellbeing, and workforce development. My previous experience has given me valuable insight into business practices, organisational finance, and governance. During an internship at Scottish Power, I produced a 30-page business research report examining best practice to support 'Vulnerable Consumers' in the energy industry, proposing innovative solutions to support customer welfare. This strengthened my ability to think strategically about best outcomes for underrepresented groups. Additionally, I built a cross-department reporting site for the company's 'Vulnerability Forum', which streamlined reporting processes, centralised data, and enhanced discussion in meetings. My dissertation explored how communities create belonging and inclusive spaces, deepening my understanding of factors that encourage engagement and participation. Finally, I have volunteered with GUSA for four years through: being on Club Committees, coaching beginner trampolining, and sitting on GUSA's Sport Council for two years, giving me a strong understanding of student sport across a range of areas I would contribute by bringing practical and academic knowledge, alongside an experienced student voice to support impactful initiatives and best practice sharing.
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2. Development Committee

a. Chair (x1 position available)

i. Vacant

b. Staff Member (x4 positions available)

i.

Name	Craig Stephen
Institution	Edinburgh Napier
Committee	Development Committee
Seconding Institutions	Edinburgh Napier University of West of Scotland
	I feel I could contribute effectively to the Development Committee because of my acquired knowledge, my connectedness within the network, and my motivation to support the growth of sport in tertiary education. Working within Napier for three years has developed my own experience of dealing with the project work remits of the Development Committee, with a strong focus on data, workforce development and belonging. I would want to bring this experience and perspective to the committee to continue having appropriate support for members from SSS. Sitting across both Coordinator and Managers forums has exposed me to the different levels of demands that each institution has for support from SSS. I'm confident I would be able to help guide where the limited SSS resource would have most impact for the majority of institutions. The SSS network has a special quality for bringing change to the student experience and I'm committed to helping as many institutions as possible receiving support for this. SSS and the network has done so much for me and my development, and I want to be part of that support moving forward.

ii.

Name	Amber Main
Institution	University of Edinburgh
Committee	Development Committee
Seconding Institutions	Katherine Duncan & Chris Sellar University of Edinburgh & Heriot Watt University
	Through my professional experience in sports development, I have developed a strong understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing staff, volunteers, and participants across the HE sector. I believe I could serve as a valuable member of the SSS Development Committee, bringing knowledge and experiences from different roles and institutions as well as my own perspectives and critical thinking. I am particularly attracted to the Development Committee's focus on workforce development and belonging. These areas align closely with my interests and experience, specifically in workforce development in which I have significant experience in implementing robust workforce programmes through two different university's Coaching & Volunteering Academies. Areas in which

	I could make impactful contributions are; coaching, events, media, committee training and sport placement programmes. I believe I could lend valuable input to projects focused on providing inclusive personal and professional development opportunities for students in Scotland. I am committed to championing best practice sharing, and supporting initiatives that enhance participation and development opportunities. I would welcome the opportunity to work alongside SSS and different university colleagues and contribute my experience, enthusiasm, and perspective to help SSS deliver their development ambitions and create a positive impact across the student sport sector.
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iii.

Name	Anna Edvaldsson
Institution	University of Stirling
Committee	Development Committee
Seconding Institutions	Johnathan MacLeod, Harry Sawdon UWS, Stirling
	I am currently Sport Development Coordinator at Stirling and have been actively involved in student sport for several years through leadership, governance and volunteer roles. Having been on Development Committee (24-25) and Executive Council (25-26), I have developed a strong understanding of how SSS supports members and drives the development of student sport. My experience spans both elected student leadership and now a professional staff role, giving me a unique perspective on the opportunities and challenges facing member institutions. I understand the reality of delivering sport on the ground while also recognising the strategic priorities that shape decision-making across the sector. This has allowed me to build strong relationships with students, staff and other SSS stakeholders. Before Stirling, I served as Sports President at the Strathclyde and as a BUCS Student Officer. I also continue to contribute to the sector through my volunteer role as SSS Netball Chair. Having previously contributed to the Development Committee as a sabbatical officer and now working professionally within student sport, I would love the opportunity to bring a staff perspective to the committee. Student sport has been a huge part of my life, I would welcome the chance to help shape it beyond Stirling.

iv. Vacant

c. Student Member (College) (x1 positions available)

i. Vacant

d. Student Member (University) (x2 positions available)

i.

Name	Joe Macdonald
Institution	RGU
Committee	Development Committee
Seconding Institutions	Strathclyde, RGU
	My experience in student sport has given me a strong understanding of the opportunities and challenges faced by clubs, volunteers, and members. As Vice Chair of SSS Rugby, alongside holding other committee roles throughout my time at university, I have worked closely with students, volunteers, and university staff to support the running and development of the rugby club. These experiences have shown me the value of effective communication, collaboration, and creating an environment where everyone feels they belong. Through these roles, I have developed an appreciation for the importance of supporting volunteers, engaging members, and ensuring that clubs have the resources and opportunities they need to succeed. I understand how valuable sharing best practice can be, whether that's learning from other clubs, developing committee members, or finding new ways to increase participation and improve the student experience. I would bring this practical perspective to the Development Committee, helping to ensure that the voices of students and clubs are reflected in its work. I am particularly interested in supporting workforce development, member engagement, and physical activity for wellbeing, while contributing fresh ideas to shape future priorities. I would be enthusiastic about working with SSS members and partners to strengthen collaboration and help Scottish student sport continue to grow and thrive.

ii.

Name	Connie Chen
Institution	University of Edinburgh
Committee	Development Committee
Seconding Institutions	University of Strathclyde, University of Edinburgh
	I am standing for the Development Committee because university sport has shaped my experiences in the best way possible. From learning pole vault from scratch, to volunteering as a SSS photographer and field official, to finding my best friends at this home away from home, student sport was where I found my sense of belonging. I hope to bring the perspective of a student who has experienced, shaped and benefited from university sport in many different ways. I care deeply about ensuring university sport reflects and welcomes the diversity of our student population, including international, commuting, college and mature students. I have seen first-hand that not everyone enters university sport in the same way. I helped expand our throws and jumps programme, international sports club, and media team to not only create consistent pathways for existing athletes/volunteers, but also offer the space for beginners to shape their own sporting futures.

	I want to help institutions turn inclusion strategies into meaningful action, while making volunteering a more visible pathway into the sports industry. I believe there is huge potential to share ideas, connect institutions and turn individual initiatives into progress across student sport
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iii.

Name	Aidan Horsburgh
Institution	University of St Andrews
Committee	Development Committee
Seconding Institutions	University of St Andrews & University of Aberdeen
	Sport has had profound influence on my life, shaping my values, confidence, and sense of community. Through those experiences, I have developed a strong belief in the power of sport to inspire, support, and positively impact others. Motivated by this, I have dedicated time to increasing opportunities for participation, first as Sports Participation Intern, delivering accessible sporting opportunities to 10,000+ students, and now through representing the students on both the Athletic Union Executive Committee and Board. These roles have given me first-hand experience of committee governance, strategic decision making, and representing the interests of diverse groups. They have also reinforced my understanding that sport is far more than competition; it is a powerful tool for improving wellbeing, fostering inclusion, developing leadership, and strengthening communities. Having contributed to sport as a participant, volunteer, coach, employee, and elected representative, I can offer both practical experience and a collaborative approach to committee work. I am confident in contributing ideas, listening to different perspectives, and working collectively to achieve positive outcomes. This opportunity represents a chance to make an even greater impact by helping shape the future of sport at a broader level, ensuring more people experience the opportunities and benefits sport has given me.

iv.

Name	Morgan McMillan
Institution	University of Dundee
Committee	Development Committee
Seconding Institutions	University of Dundee & Heriot Watt University
	Hello! I'm Morgan and I'm interested in joining the SSS development committee. I feel I could effectively contribute due to my experience as a student sport leader and my current position as Sport Union President at the University of Dundee.

	Throughout my undergraduate degree I competed in BUCS for Equestrian which gave me first-hand experience of student competition. Through this I gained valuable insight and understanding of the different needs of students involved in sport, from those participating recreationally to those competing at a high level. I have also spent three years on the Equestrian committee for Dundee, including two years as President where I developed my experience in supporting both competitive sport and development opportunities. During my campaign for President of the Sports Union, I advocated for student inclusivity and participation in sport with the intention to improve sport experience for students. As Sports Union President, I have developed a strong interest in improving student engagement, creating accessible opportunities and ensuring that student voices directly influence the development of sport. My current work has focused on supporting clubs and committees to develop initiatives that encourage more students to participate and feel that they belong in sport by highlighting accessibility, inclusivity and women in sport initiatives.
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v.

Name	Christopher Piper
Institution	Heriot-Watt University
Committee	Development Committee
Seconding Institutions	University of Dundee & Robert Gordon University
	Throughout my time at Uni, I spent several years on Sports Clubs committees as the Basketball Club Coordinator for 3 years and the Football Club Vice-President for 1, alongside being the Uni's Movember ambassador for 3 years. Working closely with students, committee members and university staff provided me with a strong understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing clubs, which would allow me to contribute effectively to the Development Committee's work in supporting SSS members, workforce development and sports development initiatives. In my final year I was part of the Sports Union's Health and Wellbeing Ambassador team, where we worked closely with the SU and Oriam to promote the positive wellbeing of students through helping organise and run active wellbeing events. This is an area I am truly passionate about, as it's such a key role in students and athletes lives. This experience aligns particularly well with the Committee's focus on belonging, wellbeing, and member engagement I would love to be a part of the Development Committee and play part in helping SSS develop and grow, whilst helping all students feel at home and enjoy their time at University through sport in the same way that I did.

vi.

Name	Hannah Cowie
Institution	University of Aberdeen
Committee	Development Committee
Seconding Institutions	University of St Andrews & Robert Gordon University
	I believe I can effectively contribute as I bring experience as a second-year officer at the University of Aberdeen, with my role as Vice President for Activities giving me a diverse experience and unique perspective into student sport, active health, and student activities as a whole. My priority, if appointed, would be to support the development of meaningful partnerships. I believe student sport is at its best when Universities, Colleges, Unions, SGBs, students and partners work in collaboration – rather than isolation. I would bring my experiences in fostering those relationships at my own institution and the knowledge I have gained from others to create new opportunities, openly share good practice, and strengthen the relationships between our Universities and Colleges. Despite not coming from a student sport background, I have a deep appreciation for the sense of belonging it brings to our students. The developments in inclusion in recent years allows more students to feel safe taking part in student sport. But I believe we should do more. I plan to bring my experience feeling unable to participate to push for better culture and support for our student members in participation

3. Competitions Committee

a. Staff Member (x1 position available)

i.

Name	Johnathan MacLeod
Institution	University of the West of Scotland
Committee	Competitions Committee
Seconding Institutions	Craig Stephen Anna Edvaldsson Napier University Stirling University
	I have sat on the Competitions Committee now in a student role and a staff term, contributing to the successful continuity of SSS competitions amidst tightening financial pressures and changing student demands. During my time, we have seen a positive financial return on the competitions side of the business and I have championed the return of Student National Squads, providing unique opportunities for our best student athletes to represent the membership and their country. I have worked closely with SSS staff now over a number of years on the NS programme, ensuring that we deliver sustainable, appropriate and high quality experiences whilst ensuring we gain NGB buy in and support, creating the foundation for future sports to be involved. I remain driven to help SSS and the Comps Chair in continuing this work going forward.

ii.

Name	Megan Robertson
Institution	Edinburgh Napier
Committee	Competitions Committee
Seconding Institutions	UWS & Edinburgh Napier
	Sport has always been a huge part of my life, both personally and professionally and I would love the opportunity to bring that passion to the SSS Competitions Board. Through my current role at ENSA and my past role at UWS, I have really enjoyed being involved in the day to day running and delivery of student sport. From coordinating BUCS and SSS fixtures and organising individual and club events to managing training sessions, working with external facilities and supporting clubs to achieve their full potential, I have found something I am good at and enjoy the thrill of a little too much. I have particularly enjoyed the fixture and competition side of my role and the opportunity to work with different institutions across Scotland delivering great sport for all our students. Outside of my role, I have competed internationally at the dance world championships in Florida and have experienced competition from an athlete's points of view in a student and non-student perspective. Whilst studying at Stirling I volunteered as a team captain coaching the pom team to great success. These experiences have given me a real appreciation of how important quality competition opportunities are to the students as well as support from our own institution and others.

	I would love to use my experience and enthusiasm to help contribute to the improvement of competitions across Scottish institutions. I want to help student sport remain accessible and enjoyable while continuing to develop the quality of opportunities available to students.
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iii.

Name	Scott Ball
Institution	University of Edinburgh
Committee	Competitions Committee
Seconding Institutions	University of Edinburgh Heriot-Watt University
	I have worked in the student competitions space for over three years and, through my role at a smaller London-based institution (Queen Mary) and my current role at the University of Edinburgh, I have gained insight into a wide range of student and staff perspectives. I have consistently worked with a wide range of stakeholders, developing strong communication skills that will enable effective collaboration within the Competitions Committee and with sports groups and external stakeholders. My engagement with data and feedback has strengthened my ability to interpret findings, identify areas for improvement and drive positive change. I have also built a strong understanding of governance, regulations and financial sustainability, enabling me to consider the wider impacts decisions may have on delivering fair and sustainable student-centred competition. As a member of the Competitions Committee, I would look to utilise my skills, knowledge and experience to work collaboratively with sports groups and key stakeholders, supporting the continued development of the student experience at all levels of competition.

b. Student Member (x2 positions available)

i.

Name	Toni Woods
Institution	University of the West of Scotland
Committee	Competitions Committee
Seconding Institutions	University of the West of Scotland Strathclyde University
	I believe I could effectively contribute to this committee through a combination of my experiences, from being a professional athlete and graduating with a First-Class Honours degree in Events Management. I also have an extreme passion for developing student sport which is why I recently took on the role of Sports President at UWS. As Sports President, I work closely with sports clubs, students and staff to increase participation, organise sporting opportunities and lead on the delivery of events throughout the academic year. I have a huge interest in expanding on this into the wider SSS community by assisting in the delivery of competitions across all sports.

	My degree provided me with experience in event planning including the logistics, risk management and financial side of events and I would look to bring this knowledge into the committee. I also had a professional career in badminton where I competed both nationally and internationally, which has given me valuable insight into competitions from an athlete's perspective and helped me understand what contributes to an enjoyable competitive experience. I enjoy working in a team environment and value new ideas to create opportunities that encourage students to participate, compete and develop through sport.
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ii. Vacant

c. Sports Chair (x1 position available)

i.

Name	Aonghus Sellar
Institution	Scottish Student Football
Committee	Competitions Committee
Seconding Institutions	Ben Graham – Heriot-Watt University Austen Brunton – Edinburgh Napier University
	Having served two terms in the role, I am keen to stand for a third term with the intention of creating more purpose and outlining a clear role description of responsibilities and expectations through working with the Chair of the Competitions Committee and SSS staff. Engagement with various sports chairs has been mixed in previous seasons, where some have provided information when requested and others who have not replied or engaged in feedback. Whether communications have been limited through engagement on basecamp or email, I am keen to build direct relationships with our various chairs over platforms such as WhatsApp to encourage 1:1 and group engagement whilst removing potential barriers that have been faced in the past. Having produced a crude but comprehensive feedback survey in previous seasons, I am keen to develop the information gathering further where 'Sports Chair surgeries' could be hosted quarterly throughout the season – in advance of upcoming Competition Committee meetings which can provide relevant feedback through tailored discussion topics in addition to general feedback. This can allow for stronger, and more organic feedback than through feedback submission (surveys) without asking or adding more work to be done by our volunteers. Should I be successful in the upcoming election, I wish to start the above work to guide the competitions committee next season and support the growth and engagement of each represented sport.

4. Honorary Life Membership

i.

Name	Paul McPate
Institution	University of Dundee
Committee	Development Committee
Seconding Institutions	University of Dundee & University of Edinburgh
	Paul McPate's contribution to student sport reflects a rare combination of longevity and consistency fuelled by an unwavering passion and advocacy for the transformative power of sport. For over four decades he has played a defining role in shaping opportunities for sports participation and development within both The University of Dundee and the wider Scottish Student Sport system demonstrating commitment that extends well beyond the expectations of his professional role. Specifically; • Throughout his career at the University of Dundee, he has played a pivotal role in shaping an inclusive, student-centred sporting culture that prioritises participation, wellbeing, personal development and belonging. In his most recent role, as Co-Director of Sport and Active Health, he has combined strategic leadership with hands on coaching and volunteer support. • This is exemplified by his commitment to the University of Dundee volleyball club where he has dedicated over 40 years as a volunteer coach, mentor and leader. Under his guidance, the club has grown into one of the institution's most vibrant sporting communities, fostering performance success and lifelong engagement on a foundation of accessibility and enjoyment. • Beyond Dundee, Paul has been instrumental in the development of sport across the UK with a variety of formal roles ranging from BUCS Advisory Group representation to SSS Chair of Competitions. • Again exemplified by volleyball, he has held roles including Chair of BUCS (5 years) and SSS (35 years) Volleyball, and Chair of Angus and Dundee District Volleyball (23 years). Since 1991, he has helped design and deliver competitive structures, events, and pathways that now support hundreds of student athletes annually. This work has strengthened connections between institutions and elevated the standard and visibility of student volleyball nationwide. • What distinguishes Paul though is the unwavering high regard that he is held in by colleagues across the sector who value the commitment, experience, mentoring, challenge, positivity and time he offers to all. Paul's sustained contribution, values-centred approach, and lasting influence on generations of students and colleagues, and the wider Scottish sporting landscape, would make him a highly deserving recipient of an Honorary Life Membership of SSS in this, his retirement year.