

TCSU Open Meeting Minutes 21/01/04

1) Minutes of the last meeting: Mr Skitrall wished that it be noted that the number of members present varied during the meeting. He also wished for it to be noted that he had removed his motion only on the grounds that it was invalid.

2) Matters Arising: Mr James Ellis wished to mention that TCSU's referendum passed.

3) Committee Reports: Mr Andy Poole said that CUSU was battling Top Up Fees and that a questionnaire would be sent around regarding this matter.

Miss Helen Powell asked more people to join the pool competition.

Mr John Fremlin said that he would have a meeting with the computing officer and ask people to e-mail him if they had any business they wished to see discussed.

Mr Mark Shields reported that the Junior Bursar had very kindly agreed to lend £5,400 to TCSU and mentioned that the budget would soon be ready.

Miss Maria Hawkes asked students to stop ruining the Wolfson Building elevator and the gates to Angel and Whewell's Court. She also asked people to be more considerate with their method of disposal of condoms.

Miss Catriona Maclay asked people interested in helping with the Target Schools scheme to get in touch with her.

Miss Tamara Black reported that she had inducted people to the gym and talked to students about post-graduate funding.

4) Statements: There were no statements.

5) Questions to the committee: Mr Rupert Griffiths asked if TCSU gave some money to charity as it was meant to do. Miss Maria Hawkes replied that this was only possible when TCSU made a profit.

6) Questions to CUSU Rep: There were no questions to the CUSU rep.

7) Motions Submitted:

a) Motion 1: Mr Arish Bharucha called for the abolition of the secretary's role in the Communications Team, as the Communications Team no longer existed. A vote was immediately taken on the motion: 21 in favour, 2 against, 2 abstentions. The motion passed.

b) Motion 2: Miss Anne-Marie Oliveri said that the post of Academic Affairs was redundant as the welfare officer could take on its functions. She therefore asked for the post to be removed. A vote was taken: 21 for, 2 against, 2 abstentions. The motion passed.

c) Motion 3: Miss Anne-Marie Oliveri proposed that TCSU accounts should be made public. Mr. Rupert Griffiths asked if this motion implied that in the past TCSU was not

entirely honest about its accounts. Miss Maria Hawks replied that this was not the case, the motion would only insure greater vigilance on the part of all concerned. A vote was taken: 25 for, 0 against, 2 abstentions. The motion passed.

d) Motion 4: Miss Catriona Maclay called for an official access committee to replace the unofficial ones that have been in existence for many years.

Mr. John Fremlin said that it should be left to the discretion of the Access officer of the time. Mr. Jordan Skitrall queried whether six people might be too many for the access committee. Miss Catriona Maclay retorted that any number set would be equally arbitrary and that she believed 6 people would definitely be interested in joining the Access Committee. A vote was taken: 24 for, 1 against, 2 abstentions. The motion passed.

e) Motion 5: Mr. Andy Poole proposed that since the position of the Publicity Officer had been removed from TCSU, the Freshers' Handbook should be the responsibility of the President and Vice President.

Mr. Skitrall pointed out that this should be included in Schedule 5 pts 1 and 2. An amendment was made and passed 26 for with only one abstention.

The motion was voted upon: 24 for, 0 against, 4 abstentions.

f) Motion 6: Mr Mark Shields proposed that TCSU be made more accountable. Mr. Skitrall asked that the words 'given the bungling' be removed. This amendment passed with 27 for and one against with no abstentions. A vote was taken on the motion. 28 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. The motion passed.

g) Motion 7: Miss Helen Powell asked that an Ents committee be set up in order to run more successful ents. An amendment passed 26 for, 1 against, 1 abstention to have this mention this was to be added to schedule 4 point 5. A further amendment removed the profitability clause by 22 for, 2 against and 5 abstentions. A vote was taken on the motion. It passed by 24 for, 0 against, 3 abstentions.

h) Motion 8: Mr. Jordan Skitrall proposed a motion asking the catering department to explain the rise in the price of hall food far above the rate of inflation. It was also asked that the motion include an explanation for rise in KFC above inflation. This amendment was made and passed 23 for, 1 against and 2 abstentions. It was queried whether the quality of hall food might deteriorate if demands to reduce hall prices were made. Mr. Skitrall pointed out that the motion was not calling for a reduction in hall prices but merely for an explanation of why prices had risen.

A 2 minute extension was passed. Mr. Gavin Johnson proposed that the motion also include the rise in bar prices. The amendment passed 19 for, 2 against, with 1 abstention. Mr. Skitrall asked that he be removed as the proposer of this amended motion. Mr. Gavin Johnson took his place. A vote was taken: 21 for, 1 against, 2 abstentions. The motions passed.

8) Any other business: People were once again reminded to join the pool tournament for which 5 more teams were needed.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.