

TCSU Committee Meeting
Sunday 14th October
7pm, TCSU Office

1. Apologies

Letty, Nadi, Maciek

2. Smoking in rooms

Mr Thompson raised the problem of people being bothered by people smoking in their rooms nearby. It was concluded that people should negotiate with their neighbours if they are smoking and the smell is infiltrating surrounding rooms. If this fails, they can request draught excluders to be fitted to doors from college.

3. Newspapers and Magazines

Mr Blacklay advised the committee that the agreed changes to the newspapers and magazines have been made. The Blue Boar account has been cut, and all tabloids have been removed. The total spent on the new selection of magazines is now £218 a year. Overall, the changes mean a saving of £800 a year, as the total now spent is roughly three fifths of what was spent previously.

4. Money for new facilities

Due to the previous item, TCSU now has some spare money. Changes to the JCR were proposed, including the suggestion of purchasing a wall-mounted TV so that more people could watch it. The idea of putting a TV in the lower JCR was also floated. Both of these ideas were rejected on the grounds that they were unnecessary, and a new TV would be very expensive. Mr Coker suggested buying a new pool table for the games room, which is currently underused. A new pool table would cost approx. £3000, or a refurbished one approx. £1000. However a pool table would require maintenance and supervision. A webcam could be installed in the room to prevent vandalism. Mr Blacklay suggested that we could do a deal with Sony, for example, allowing them to advertise in Travisty in exchange for a discount on a new TV.

5. Issues regarding the position of the President of the TCSU

Following the recent incident at Magpie & Stump involving Mr Coker, raised by the Dean of College at the previous Liaison Meeting, there was discussion about Mr Coker's potential resignation.

There was debate on the role that college was entitled to play in deciding on matters that primarily concerned the TCSU, like the resignation of the President. Mr Coker stated that the 1994 Education Act was not explicit regarding non-intervention. It was generally agreed that college, or senior members of the college, had no right to demand that Mr Coker step down as President of the TCSU. Mr Coker outlined the grounds on which he would resign:

1. If he felt that he no longer had the support of the electorate.
2. If he felt that he could not fulfil his role as President of the TCSU.

He stated that in light of the recent incident at Magpie & Stump, he felt the former did not apply, and the latter would only apply if other members of the Liaison Committee felt unable to work with him.

Mr Coker concluded that he would not be standing down immediately, as he was still considering his position, and if he were to resign would choose a time that would be

most convenient to the rest of the committee, so that by-elections could be organised with consideration to the Amalgamated Clubs Committee, of which the President of the TCSU plays a key role.

6. Magpie & Stump

It was decided by the committee that it is inappropriate for senior members of college to attend Magpie & Stump, which is a society run by and for junior members. It was proposed that in future, senior members are banned from attending meetings of the Magpie & Stump.

7. Freshers Week Reports

All committee members need to complete reports on the events that they were responsible for in freshers week, as a guide for next years committee, and to act as a general review of the success of this years freshers week.

8. Open Meeting

The Open Meeting will take place on Wednesday 24th October, not Wednesday 17th as previously decided.

9. AOB

A new lampshade needs to be purchased for the TCSU office, by the secretary.
A general clear-up of the office needs to be undertaken by the committee.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 17th October, 7pm