

TCSU Committee Meeting  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October  
6pm, TCSU Office

**1. Apologies**

Scarlett, Nadi, Jonatan, Joe, Sam Kemp

**2. Meeting of Catering Committee**

Mr Tynan stated the need for a meeting of the Catering Committee this term to discuss the following:

- Moving lunch back 15mins, so it ran from 12.30pm to 1.45pm, as lots of people currently come towards the end. This would help aid the flow of people through hall.
- Brunch replacing lunch on Sundays, as at many other colleges. Brunch would include a variety of breakfast and lunch foods, and would take place just before the normal lunch time.
- The lack of diversity of halal food on Mondays, which currently is nearly always curry. Mr Coker suggested that it might be useful to liaise with Muslim students before the meeting to find out what they would like as alternatives to curry.

Ms Thomas suggested a mini buttery being opened in Burrells, supplied by porters taking milk etc over from the buttery. I was decided that this probably wasn't viable, as it would require quite a lot of work by the porters. A bigger vending machine could be installed, but fresh things would still have to be put in regularly.

**3. Alcohol**

Ms Thomas informed the committee of an email that she had received from Jo Miles (TCSU Senior Treasurer) regarding the consumption of alcohol in college. Ms Miles expressed concern in her email about the high quantities of alcohol being consumed, and the behaviour of college members once under the influence of alcohol. She raised the dangers particularly of girls being taken advantage of when drunk or passing out when drunk, and of girls and boys incurring long-term illness, or behaving badly when drunk. Ms Miles asked that TCSU took measures to improve the drinking culture in college, before college imposed measures. Ms Thomas suggested measures relating to Formal hall, which she identified as at the centre of Trinity's drinking culture, such as enforcing the 1 bottle per student rule.

Mr Coker expressed the view that the drinking culture was not restricted to Formal, so creating more rules relating to formal may not be effective. He also argued that alcohol is not the exclusive cause of bad behaviour – often people who are very stressed are more likely to behave badly when drunk. However Mr Coker suggested the following measures:

- Enforcing the group rule in formal – ie groups over 10 have to apply for permission.
- Making drinkable wines in the Buttery cost over £10.
- Improving the soft drinks available from the Buttery.

Objections were raised to the second of these proposals, although the other two were generally agreed, as groups were identified as the main cause of disturbances at Formal hall. It was agreed that the amount of alcohol consumed was not necessarily the issue, although excessive consumption over an extended time-period can have long-term health consequences, but it was more how people behaved when under the influence of alcohol that was the current problem in college.

Mr Farish proposed the idea of a non-alcoholic Formal in association with CocSoc, who would supply non-alcoholic cocktails. The idea was expanded into a whole 'non-alcohol' week, with posters, leaflets, and the non-alcoholic Formal. This would be organised by the TCSU Welfare Officer, and would send the message about drinking responsibly out to junior members.

#### **4. Pastoral Care Committee**

Mr Coker recently attended a meeting of this committee, along with the Overseas Welfare Officer and Women of Trinity President.

The issue of alcohol, and the long-term health problems that can arise as a result of excessive and regular consumption of alcohol, was also discussed here, with the same import as the email from Jo Miles referred to above.

It was also agreed that the Rugby World Cup would be recorded and played on Sunday in the JCR, to allow people to go to Matriculation Dinner on Saturday night when the final is taking place.

#### **5. College Bar**

Mr Blacklay informed the committee that Les Fry, the catering Clerk, was currently standing in, in the absence of a bar manager, and had proposed closing the bar on Mondays due to staffing pressures.

Ms Thomas suggested making the bar student-run to avoid staffing shortages, like at some other colleges. This idea was generally rejected, due to the extra workload of organising student workers, and the inefficiency of this system.

#### **6. AOB**

- Travisty will be coming out on Friday. There will be 200 copies, none of which will be taken to Burrells, due to lack of demand there. Travisty will also appear online on Thursday night/Friday.

- It was confirmed that Mr Coker will not be resigning as President of the TCSU. An article to this effect written by Mr Coker will appear in Travisty on Friday.

- The Open Meeting and handing out of NUS cards will both take place at 6pm on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October in the Winstanley. The secretary will book the room and advertise the meeting. The President will send an email notifying junior members of these events.

- Champagne has been purchased as prizes for the Great Court Run by both the TCSU and college. TCSU will use their champagne on another occasion, perhaps as a prize for fancy dress at a TCSU ent.

- Mr Blacklay and Mr Tynan propose purchasing an ice-maker for TCSU ents, costing about £80, a proper fridge for the WPR, costing £5-7000, and two vats for making Trinity Blue in.

#### **7. Next Meeting**

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October, 6pm, Winstanley. Mr Tynan gave his apologies for this meeting.