

# Open Meeting

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> March 2006

19:19 – 19:57

Present: 21 members (later 20) plus chair.



## 1. LAST MEETING'S MINUTES

- Not present. Current secretary to chase up.

### To Do:

- Obtain previous minutes

### By Whom:

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### Due:

Next meet

## 2. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Amalgamated club meeting went fine; legitimate claims paid. TCSU- £14,000. Those present agreed to not go into detail, minutes to be posted on the website.
- **Mr. Mapara** produced budget presentation, attached.

## 3. QUESTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE

- **Q:** Amendment to schedules to be updated onto the constitution on the webpage.
- **Mr. Cohen:** website to be redone over Easter.
- **Q:** Welfare information to update?
- **Mr. Cohen:** to be done over Easter.
- **Q:** Affiliation to CUSU motions – are they quorate?
- **Mr. Johnstone:** motions deal with question.

## 4. MOTIONS

### 1a) TO AFFILIATE TO CUSU

- **Ms. Lazarevska:** a decision needs to be made at end of term as affiliation fees for next year paid at end of term. Disaffiliation means loss of 3 votes on council, losing say on CUSU politics. Quality of services may diminish as dependent on affiliation. Also services on JCR affiliation lost. No gain of affiliation fees to TCSU. Should vote for motion and investigate again next year.
- **Mr. Skittrall:** Should reject in favour of referendum as members present not representative. In addition, officer training not useful from examples on MCR. Individuals remain members of CUSU, so NUS cards, open meeting rights unaffected.
- **Ms. Byrom:** bad message to other JCR presidents. Welfare and academic provision provided by CUSU perhaps more important elsewhere. Better to stay within and change from there.
- **Ms. Wilkins:** Experience on committee implies that change from within is difficult.

Suggests that a political statement needs to be sent out.

- **Mr. Bevan:** – what do votes count for on council, can training (if to be provided) be sourced from elsewhere? Why will services from CUSU diminish to individual students if disaffiliation occurs?
- **Mr. Skittrall:** CUSU currently looking for centralized source of funding. Do votes on CUSU council mean more, or the affiliation fee?
- **SUMMARY from Mr. Skittrall:** TCSU should hold a referendum.
- **SUMMARY from Ms. Lazarevska:** TCSU holds big power as votes can be networked and formed into a block of voting. CUSU should technically provide same services but less impetus on CUSU to deliver same quality to Trinity students if TCSU disaffiliates. Should be decided in an Open Meeting as lack of information exists within Trinity.

**ON THE MOTION, THE FOLLOWING VOTES WERE CAST:**

FOR: 4  
AGAINST: 14  
ABSTAIN: 4

**THE MOTION WAS DULY DEFEATED.**

**1ii) TO DECIDE ON AFFILIATION VIA A REFERENDUM:**

*Ms. Lazarevska waived her right to speak.*

**AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY MR. SKITTRALL:**

*to change 2ii) from “two thirds” to “simple”. To remove 2i).*

*Mr. Skittrall waived his right to speak.*

**Mr. Davies:** What would be the quorum?

**Mr. Johnstone:** not a constitutional referendum, hence no quorum

**Ms. Lazarevska:** why would no quorum be different to a vote at an Open meeting?

**Mr. Skittrall:** representation different due to effort required to participate

**Ms. Wilkins:** What would occur if no quorum?

**Mr. Johnstone:** The wording suggests disaffiliation

**ON THE AMENDMENT, THE FOLLOWING VOTES WERE CAST:**

FOR: 16  
AGAINST: 1  
ABSTAIN: 4

**THE AMENDMENT WAS DULY PASSED.**

*Ms. Lazarevska waived her right to reply.*

*The opposition waived their right to reply.*

**ON THE MOTION, THE FOLLOWING VOTES WERE CAST:**

FOR: 21  
AGAINST: 0  
ABSTAIN:0

**THE MOTION WAS DULY PASSED.**

**2) TO CHANGE THE TCSU CONSTITUTION**

*Ms. Lazarevska waived her right to speak.*

**AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY MR. SKITTRALL:**

*To change 1) of "TCSU believes" and 1) of the proposed constitutional amendment to 8(3)) to read:*

*"A referendum motion to change the constitution shall be passed if at least 100 members have voted for the motion and at least two-thirds of those voting have voted for the motion. A referendum motion other than to change the constitution shall be passed if a simple majority have voted for the motion."*

*The members moved straight to a vote.*

**ON THE AMENDMENT, THE FOLLOWING VOTES WERE CAST:**

FOR: 19  
AGAINST: 0  
ABSTAIN: 1

**THE AMENDMENT WAS DULY PASSED.**

*Ms. Lazarevska waived her right to reply.*

**ON THE MOTION, THE FOLLOWING VOTES WERE CAST:**

FOR: 20  
AGAINST: 0  
ABSTAIN:0

**THE MOTION WAS DULY PASSED.**

**3) TO INTRODUCE KOSHER FOOD IN HALL**

**Mr. Green:** asked college authorities to investigate, but not to introduce. For Formal Hall, pre-packaged Kosher food is an option. Jewish Chaplain identified as source of authority for consultations.

*No opposition speeches received.*

**ON THE MOTION, THE FOLLOWING VOTES WERE CAST:**

FOR: 20  
AGAINST: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

**THE MOTION WAS DULY PASSED.**

**4) TO THANK THE OUTGOING COMMITTEE**

**Mr. Skittrall:** Last year's TCSU committee did a particularly good job. Thanks expressed for Ms. Wilkin's representation of TCSU at CUSU and Mr. Johnstone's reforms of catering department.

*No opposition speeches received.*

**ON THE MOTION, THE FOLLOWING VOTES WERE CAST:**

FOR: 17  
AGAINST: 0  
ABSTAIN: 3

**THE MOTION WAS DULY PASSED.**

**5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- **Mr. Johnstone:** expressed his thanks to outgoing committee
- **Ms. Lazarevska:** invited members to remain for CUSU hustings.

**~MEETING ENDED AT 19:57 HOURS~**