

# TCSU

## Open Meeting

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June

19.35 – 20.36

**PRESENT:** 11 members plus chair.

### **APOLOGIES**

Jonatan Thompson

Letty Thomas

Sam Kemp

### **1. LAST MEETING'S MINUTES**

Currently unavailable.

### **2. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND QUESTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE**

#### Overseas Officer

**Q:** Mr Blacklay - how much will be spent on Overseas Fresher's Week?

**A:** Mr Hermanowiek - will provide a budget, but will be approximately the same as last year (maybe £60 more).

#### Secretary

**Q:** Mr Coker – would the secretary like to become involved in the production of Travisty?

**A:** Ms Rowland Smith – Yes.

#### Treasurer

Mr Blacklay - we have changed banks to Natwest, to enable us to have internet banking.

#### Junior Steward

Mr Tynan – A very successful ent was held at the start of term, followed by a very successful garden party.

**Q:** Mr Blacklay – a change to the packaged foods in hall was made without giving any information to students. Complaints have been made by students (eg Miss Sarah Stoneman) regarding the lack of consultation.

Why was this change necessary?

**A:** Mr Tynan – A meeting of the catering committee needs to be arranged for the start of next term to open up communication with the catering department.

**Q:** Mr Cohen - people have been asking about kosher food. We are now one of the only large colleges that do not offer kosher food in hall; this is potentially an access issue, and access has a lot of funding.

**A:** Mr Tynan - will discuss with the catering department.

**Q:** Mr Blacklay – how much is next term’s fixed kitchen charge, to be published in the fresher’s handbook?

**A:** Mr Coker: will be going up by approx 3% next year, but ok to put an estimate in the handbook.

### Access

Mr Farish – An access bus to Milton Keynes has been approved by College Council. Money has also been given for an alternative prospectus. An access committee formed in Lent Term to help with these initiatives.

### Women’s Officer

Ms Huda – Deloitte is now sponsoring Women of Trinity. More focus is being put on welfare than ents.

**Q:** Mr Blacklay – does TCSU still fund WOT, or does the sponsor now cover expenditure?

**A:** Ms Huda – TCSU does not fund WOT. Money has been received from college (£800, from the Amalgamated Clubs Fund), which is spent on welfare. The money from Deloitte is used more for ents.

**Q:** Mr Blacklay – where would funding for Women’s Officer on TCSU come from?

**A:** Ms Huda – The Amalgamated Clubs Fund may not continue to fund WOT in light of their funding from Deloitte, so WOT may not be funded by college at all. However if

### Vice President

Mr Cohen – Fresher’s handbook in progress, should be completed by the end of the week.

**Q:** Mr Hermaniowiek: when will the Fresher’s handbook be going to print?

**A:** Mr Coker – will go to print at the end of July, and Overseas handbook can be done at the same time.

**Q:** Who writes the blogs about the committee members in the handbook?

**A:** Mr Cohen – will arrange for all committee members to write each other’s.

### Ents Officer

Ms Crème – Fresher’s week Burrells ent will be Jungle themed. Would like a laser for the WPR.

Mr Coker – may be safety objections due to epilepsy etc.

**Q:** Mr Blacklay – has the WPR been renamed yet?

**A:** Ms Crème – it is now called the Trinity Vaults.

Mr Coker – there may be copyright problems with this name.

**Q:** Mr Coker – how much was spent on the garden party?

**A:** Ms Crème – approx £180-200.

**Q:** Mr Cohen – can the ents section for handbook be submitted asap?

### President

Mr Coker – TCSU now has a full and effective committee, and are currently working on the “best fresher’s week of any college or any university”.

Liaison Committee – the smoking policy will be clarified for students following the new smoking ban.

Next week meeting with college authorities (along with Mr Cohen, Ms Crème and Ms Rowland-Smith) to discuss Fresher’s Week.

**Q:** Mr Blacklay – what is your viewpoint about a green officer on TCSU?

**A:** Mr Coker – increasing the size of the executive would be bad. Green initiatives are very new, and it may be better to establish what green action will consist of before a green officer position is formalized. For the time being the focus should be on getting college to help with green initiatives, eg recycling.

**Q:** Mr Farish – Burrells gate is still being closed at random times – has Jonatan spoken to the Junior Bursar?

**A:** Mr Coker – Junior Bursar has told porters the correct time that the gate should be locked, and was surprised that the gate was still being locked earlier – will talk to porters again.

**Q:** Mr Davies: Would it be possible to email round all students to remind them what time gates open and close?

**A:** Mr Coker – this information is in the White Book.

**Q:** Mr Cohen – when will a swipecard system be installed on Nevilles Gate (Bishops Hostel)?

**A:** Mr Coker – should be happening. The gate is important for security for bicycles.

## **3. MOTIONS**

### 1) TO CHANGE THE NUMBER OF NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES BOUGHT BY TCSU

Motion proposed by Mr Blacklay – see attached.

- Mr Coker – consultation on this motion was carried out, and it was found that the majority were in favour (although 9 students requested a particular broadsheet to remain).
- Mr Cohen - a problem with taking newspapers away from the Blue Boar common room is that it reduces the usefulness of that room.

- Mr Coombs – There is always someone reading papers in the Blue Boar common room (not tabloids).
- Mr Blacklay – The Blue Boar common room is close to the JCR, where papers will remain.
- Ms Huda – would it be possible to split the papers between the rooms?
- Mr Blacklay – The Blue Boar common room already has computers and a TV. The JCR lacks anything apart from the papers; functions as a quiet area to read papers. Burrells common room will still have papers because it is so far from main college.
- Mr Cohen – people would complain about papers being cut.
- Mr Blacklay – an email was sent out and few people replied. Objections were weak. TCSU is trying to provide enough money for everything, especially ents. Use of newspapers is less than the number of people who benefit from other things money is spent on, but remains a large part of TCSU expenditure.
- Mr Coker – comes down to a choice between papers and more money to spend on garden party etc. By supplying the current number of papers, lots of money is being spent to benefit a small number of people.
- Mr Cohen – what about putting papers in hall at breakfast?
- Mr Farish – papers would be stolen if this happened.
- Mr Cohen – what do other colleges do? They often have stacks of papers.
- Mr Davies – What magazine would tabloids be replaced with in the bar? What papers would be kept? What would money be spent on instead?
- Mr Blacklay – Magazine would be a mens one. Papers that will stay: Financial Times, Times, Independent, Guardian, Observer. If cut happens and there are no major issues, further cuts may ensue.
- Mr Coker – Some colleges get papers free from suppliers – this could be looked into.

ON THE MOTION, THE FOLLOWING VOTES WERE CAST

FOR: 8

AGAINST: 0

ABSTAIN: 1

THE MOTION WAS DULY PASSED

- 2) APPLICATION TO USE HALL FOR CUSU SHADOWING SCHEME MEALS ON FEB 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> 2008.

Motion proposed by Mr Farish – see attached.

Mr Farish: Money would come from college, subject to College Council approval.

- Mr Coker – who have you spoken to in college?
- Mr Farish: Junior Bursar, admissions tutor and catering department.
- Mr Tynan – will there be a larger than normal proportion of people with special dietary requirements attending these meals, making them more expensive?
- Mr Farish – would just be normal formal hall, so no more expensive.
- Mr Cohen – it would be useful when dealing with CUSU to have figures, so we know how access money from Trinity is being distributed between college/ non college members.
- Mr Farish – can investigate over summer.
- Mr Blacklay – will the scheme change the demographic of Trinity?
- Mr Farish – no, but would be a step in the right direction. This proposal is for this year only – if Trinity could host the scheme in future years too that may increase the impact. Trinity gives more money for access than all the other colleges put together, but still has a bad reputation for access – the scheme would be very good for Trinity’s reputation in this respect.

ON THE MOTION, THE FOLLOWING VOTES WERE CAST  
FOR: 9  
AGAINST: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

THE MOTION WAS DULY PASSED

#### **4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr Tynan – Neil Morrison was having problems contacting the Film Society. I subsequently tried to contact them, and got no reply. The society has been inactive this year – what can be done about this?

Mr Blacklay – the same is true of the Fairtrade society.

Ms Rowland Smith – this is untrue - they recently held a garden party, and have had several speaker events.

Mr Coker – Money from the Amalgamated Clubs Fund could be investigated and cut off for inactive societies. An email advertising running the Film Society could be sent out, assuming the current president has nominally resigned.

Mr Cohen – check with the society’s constitution as to what to do in this situation.

Mr Tynan – will look into constitution and follow up this issue.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 20.46