

## **TCSU OPEN MEETING**

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January

19.45-8.05

**PRESENT:** 25 members plus chair

### **APOLOGIES**

Sam Kemp

Letty Thomas

Nadi Huda

Jonatan Thompson

Chris Tynan

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

Available on the TCSU website. Approved.

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

#### President

The President has been managing the committee, and as returning officer is overseeing the arrangements for the upcoming elections.

Q. Mr Attenborough: could the gate to Burrells be kept open at night?

A. Mr Coker: this will not be possible as college is reluctant to light the fellows garden and the access route into Burrells.

Mr Attenborough: The Avenue is not lit and remains open at night.

Mr Coker: It will not be possible to keep the gate open; it is not that far to walk around on the path that is safe and well-lit.

#### Vice President

The Vice president has been playing a supportive role to other members of the committee, and representing the TCSU at CUSU council. Mr Cohen has also produced a summary report on a noise survey to be carried out, and has advised the college on arrangements for jewish students when the new electronic locking system comes into force.

#### Treasurer

The TCSU account currently stands at approximately £8000. Once all bills have been paid and expenses covered there will be a surplus of at least £1000 in the account. The committee is currently considering how to spend the money.

#### Access

The student help with interviews in December was very successful, and the student shadowing scheme will be taking place soon.

#### Women's Officer

The Pink Party held in November raised over £600 in aid of breast cancer charities. A skills workshop held in collaboration with Deloitte was very successful too, and WOT has been helping female members of college as usual by supplying advice, pregnancy tests etc.

### Secretary

Has been taking and typing up minutes of meetings, and supporting the rest of the committee. Posters have also been displayed around college to advertise TCSU open meetings.

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Mr Kemp hopes to install the new server for TCSU before he leaves office.

### Overseas Officer

A paintballing event has been organized for next weekend, and several formal swaps are also being arranged.

## 3. MOTIONS

- 1) Proposed by Mr Blacklay.

TCSU Notes: Applications for the position of Secretary have been limited for a number of years.

TCSU believes: That the role of the Secretary can be developed further to encourage more applications

TCSU resolves to:

- a. Alter schedule 5 so that the Freshers' handbook becomes the responsibility of the Secretary, with help from the President and the rest of the TCSU committee.
- b. Alter schedule 5 so that the secretary will be responsible for liaising and co-ordinating TCSU articles with the President of Travisty, the college's newsletter.

ON THE MOTION, THE FOLLOWING VOTES WERE CAST

FOR: 13

AGAINST: 0

ABSTAIN:12

THE MOTION WAS DULY PASSED

- 2) Proposed by Mr Blacklay.

TCSU notes: The roles of WoT President and Welfare officer have become confused on the committee. When a female member of the college is elected to the position of Welfare Officer there is no male officer available to co-ordinate welfare for male members of college.

TCSU believes: That the position of WoT President should be renamed Female Welfare Officer and that the Welfare officer should be renamed the Male Welfare Officer, and their roles and responsibilities should be altered to provide a more co-ordinated and representative welfare service. Each officer would be elected by a vote from their corresponding sex and candidates for the positions must be drawn from the corresponding sex.

TCSU resolves to:

Call a referendum on the subject

Ms Hart made a speech expressing her opposition to single sex voting, and the basis that people will be able to choose either welfare officer to approach for advice and support regardless of sex.

Mr Cohen and Mr Farish responded, arguing that men and women vote according to different criteria, and it is important that they are able to choose a welfare officer based on the values they hold as men and women respectively.

ON THE MOTION, THE FOLLOWING VOTES WERE CAST

FOR: 17  
AGAINST: 1  
ABSTAIN: 7

THE MOTION WAS DULY PASSED

3) Proposed by Mr Blacklay.

TCSU Notes: Inefficient handovers between old and new officers of TCSU after elections has caused the loss of important information. New Presidents are unaware of the responsibilities of all of the officers on TCSU

TCSU believes: That this problem can be addressed with the creation of officer manuals.

TCSU resolves to:

Make all officers responsible for the maintenance and updating of their own officer manuals.

All manuals should be electronic and up to date copies should be presented to the President of TCSU.

ON THE MOTION, THE FOLLOWING VOTES WERE CAST

FOR: 17  
AGAINST: 0  
ABSTAIN: 8

THE MOTION WAS DULY PASSED

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

N/A

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 20.05