

TCSU Committee Meeting Minutes
23rd February, 2014, TCSU Meeting Room

Attendees:

Jeremy Bernstein (President)
Thomas Hughes-McLure (Vice-President)
Leo Sands (Secretary)
Ryan Patel (Treasurer)
Matt Dammers (Male Welfare)
Rose Lander (Female Welfare)
Tom Hampson (Environmental)
Catriona Chaplin (Ents)
Cornelius Roemer (Junior Steward)
Will Green (Access)
Tim Large (Overseas Welfare)

Apologies:

Kshitij Sabnis (Computing)

1. Matters concerning room ballots

- a. It was established that Tom Hampson had created a survey to be given to room occupants, that is to be sent around later today (23rd February). Results of this survey are to be sent around on Wednesday (26th February) before the first ballot opens.

2. Matters concerning the annual TCSU survey

- a. It was established that the BA society has agreed to give the TCSU five pairs of BA formal tickets to randomly reward survey-takers as an incentive to do the survey.
- b. It was agreed that students should be asked how satisfied they are with the tutorial system.
- c. It was agreed that students should be asked ‘how important is it for you that the college pays at least the Living Wage to its employees?’
- d. It was agreed that students should be asked what type of Trinity ‘stash’ they would be interested in purchasing.
- e. It was agreed that students should be asked their opinion on the college library’s loan period and the number of online renewal’s allowed before needing to renew a book in person.
- f. It was agreed that the Vice-President is to collate the questions suggested by other Committee members, which should be submitted to him by Wednesday (26th February).

3. Matters concerning ents

- a. It was established that the following international events in collaboration with other colleges was to take place:
 - i. A bar night for international students at St John’s College on 2nd March 2014.
 - ii. A formal swap for international students with Jesus College to take place next week.

- b. The committee was reminded that a bar night is to take place tomorrow evening (24th February)
 - c. It was established that Caitlin de Jode, Jessie Barnett Cox, Julian Darby, Harriet Gordon, Toshan Wickramanayake, and Jamie Coombs would comprise the Ents Committee.
 - d. It was agreed that an ‘Intergalactic Mission Reloaded’ ent is to be planned, in place of the Burrell’s ent cancellation last weekend. This would possibly take place on March 8th.
 - i. It was agreed that this replacement ent was to be given a maximum budget of £2,200.
 - e. It was agreed that the TCSU spends too much money on floor rental for Burrell’s ents.
 - i. It was agreed that an attempt should be made to negotiate the price of this rental, and if this fails, to consider the tailor manufacture of temporary flooring for Burrell’s ents, which would be more economical in the long term.
4. **It was resolved that the Trinity College Rugby Team would be asked to pay for 8 formal hall tickets for a visiting Japanese rugby team, to supplement the 30 tickets that the previous Committee agreed to purchase.**
5. **Matters concerning the Living Wage campaign**
- a. It was established that, according to CUSU, Trinity College employs 50 people under the living wage.
 - b. It was agreed that the President and Vice-President, in their meeting with the Junior Bursar on the 24th February, would discuss the situation, and give the college an opportunity to defend itself from CUSU’s allegations.
 - c. It was agreed that the TCSU Survey should gauge opinions on the living wage before further action was undertaken by TCSU.
 - d. It was agreed that, if it were established that the college did in fact pay 50 employees under the living wage, and the survey revealed substantial student opposition to this, then the TCSU ought to take action to represent the opinions of the student body.
 - e. It was agreed that, if action was to be taken, it should be in the form of a referendum, open to all TCSU members, on whether or not to include in the TCSU constitution explicit opposition to the college’s failure to pay the living wage to its employees.
6. **Matters concerning finances**
- a. It was agreed that the budget needs to more clearly explain the rise in expenditure from last year, before it is presented to the Junior Bursar.
 - b. It was agreed that the budget should be kept low, and that the TCSU should appeal to the college authorities for funding of specific projects, as opposed to demanding an overall greater budget. It was agreed that this would demonstrate greater fiscal discipline.
 - c. **Matters concerning the spending of reserves:**
 - i. It was agreed that a clause should be added to the budget that calls for an Open Meeting to discuss the spending of the

reserves. It was agreed that the Committee shouldn't make any spending decisions regarding reserves without doing this.

- d. **Update on the new Barclay's Account**
 - i. This account would be functioning in ten working days, from which point online transfers will be used to make payments directly, as opposed to Committee members having to temporarily pay for TCSU expenditure.
 - ii. It was agreed that when the Welfare budget is transferred to a new Barclay's Account, two signatories would be required for future monetary transfers.

7. Matters concerning the WPR's use as a storage space over vacation periods.

- a. It was established that those who elected to place their storage in the WPR over the Long Vacation would need to be given explicit guidance that their storage would have to be removed well before the Fresher's WPR ent.
- b. It was agreed that fines would be administered to students who failed to remove their storage in the allotted period.

8. It was agreed that the television cabinet for the JCR is to be constructed by the works department, as opposed to purchased by the TCSU, which would be more economical.

9. The need to decide where the TCSU blackboard was to be positioned was established, which would hopefully be either in the Servery or the Great Gate.

10. It was agreed that the TCSU Members mailing list policy serves its purpose.

11. Matters concerning Committee stash

- a. It was loosely established that a 'Varsity' style TCSU jacket would be preferred for purchase in the coming weeks, with a TCSU stash item to be given to committee members in Freshers Week, subsidized by the TCSU Freshers Week budget.
- b. It was agreed that TCSU Committee members should be further consulted on their preference, possibly by a facebook poll.

12. Matters concerning the election of LGBT+ officer and Disabilities Officer

- a. It was resolved, through a vote, that Hesham Mashhour was to act as LGBT+ officer on the Welfare Committee.
- b. It was resolved, through an anonymous vote, that Hayley Kinsey was to act as Disability Officer on the Welfare Committee.
- c. Concern was expressed generally over the TCSU Committee's mandate over this election process, and constitutional change was suggested to allow the electorate in the future to consist exclusively of self-identifying LGBT+ and self-identifying disabled students respectively.
- d. It was resolved that the results of this election was to be announced to

TCSU members as soon as possible.

13. Matters concerning an Alternative Prospectus

- a. It was established that this would be written by Will Green over the Easter Vacation.
- b. It was agreed that certain members of the committee would write specific pages of the Alternative Prospectus, these sections should be submitted to Will Green by the Easter Vacation.

14. Matters concerning a list of college clubs

- a. It was agreed that Leo Sands would send an email to the TCSU Members Mailing list requesting the details of the Presidents of each college society, his or her email address, and society web pages, as well as the name of the person who is to receive the club's post.

15. AOB

- a. Committee members were reminded to send their personal sections to Kshitij to be added to the TCSU website.
- b. Members of the Ents Committee, Overseas Committee, and Welfare Committee are also to send personal sections to be added to the TCSU website.