

TCSU Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

9th November 2014, TCSU Meeting Room

Present

Thomas Hughes-Mclure – *President*

Cornelius Roemer – *Vice-President*

Rose Lander – *Female Welfare Officer*

Matt Dammers – *Male Welfare Officer*

Tim Large – *Overseas Officer*

Will Green – *Access Officer*

Tom Hampson – *Environmental Officer*

Leo Sands – *Secretary*

Apologies

Catriona Chaplin – *Ents Officer*

Ryan Patel - *Treasurer*

1. Junior Steward position

- a. Cornelius was congratulated for winning the Vice-Presidential election.
- b. It was agreed that nominations will for the new Junior Steward be closed Sunday 16th November, for hustings on Wednesday 19th November, for an election on 21st November. These elections will be organised by Tom.
- c. Until the position is filled Cornelius will act as standing Junior Steward.

2. Open meeting ideas/agenda

- a. It was agreed that the next Open Meeting should take place before the next Executive Committee Meeting (23rd November).
- b. It was agreed that it should take place in the evening, when most students would come.
- c. The central idea of the meeting will be on the bar's refurbishment, but the TCSU Welfare Committee's reform will also be brought up.

3. Court of discipline

- a. It was agreed that Kshitij will act as the TCSU's representative on this university-wide judicial body for the year January 2015-December 2015.

4. Sports campaign

- a. It was agreed that the TCSU will endorse a campaign to pressure the Senate House to vote in favour of the propositions made by the Cambridge Sports Review on the structure of sports management and funding.

5. Update Welfare Constitutional Reform

- a. Matters concerning 1TQ
 - i. There were inconsistencies between the constitutions of the TCSU and 1TQ over who should be President of 1TQ. This was resolved in a meeting between Tom and the Presidents of 1TQ. It was agreed that one of 1TQ's Presidents would be elected through the TCSU election for LGBT+ Officer (the voters for which would be

limited to those who identify as LGBT+). The other 1TQ President would be elected by 1TQ members.

- b.** Matters concerning TCSU Welfare survey
 - i.** Matt and Rose will conduct an anonymous survey on whether TCSU members think there should be a BME officer. This should include a clause questioning which ethnic group the member identified with. Questions should include:
 - 1.** Do you feel as if you have been racially profiled by other students?
 - 2.** Do you feel as if you have been racially profiled by college staff?
 - 3.** Do you think that the interests of Black and Minority Ethnic Communities would be better represented by the establishment of a BME officer as part of the Welfare Committee.
 - 4.** Do you suffer from a long-standing physical and mental disability?
 - ii.** The survey should also include a section for international students, this will be drafted by Tim.
 - iii.** The survey will be checked for legal consistency with Education legislation, this can be done by CUSU.
 - iv.** Before the survey goes live, the Executive Committee will be given a chance to review it.
- c.** Matters concerning Welfare Committee Reform
 - i.** Separate to the survey, it was agreed that the new Welfare Committee wouldn't have a Treasurer, Publicity Officer, or a Secretary. These roles would be carried out by the TCSU Executive Committee equivalents. This will be enshrined in a reformed TCSU constitution.
 - ii.** The positions of Women's Officer, LGBT+ Officer, Disabilities Officer, and potentially a BME Officer (yet to be decided), this will become enshrined in the TCSU constitution. They will not be co-opted positions, but elected by TCSU members in an electoral cycle that runs two weeks behind the Executive Committee's electoral cycle (e.g. elections for these positions will take place two weeks after the elections for the Executive Committee).

6. AOB

- a.** List of things that the TCSU Executive Committee is making progress on.
 - i.** Burrell's Common Room
 - ii.** Getting rid of Table Tennis Table in JCR
 - iii.** Getting new PS4 controllers
 - iv.** Trolleys at Porters' lodge
 - v.** Publicity
 - vi.** College Councillor
 - vii.** Access bus
 - viii.** Internet Access
 - ix.** Storage over vacation period
 - x.** Society funding
 - xi.** Women's discussion group

- xii.** Shadowing Scheme
 - xiii.** Formal Food
 - xiv.** Student Switch Off Campaign
- b.** It was noted that Ryan needs to be consulted for his progress updates.
- c.** It was noted there is a kitchen tour on Tuesday open for TCSU Committee members.
- d.** List of TCSU's achievements so far this term.
 - i.** Freshers' Week
 - ii.** TV
 - iii.** JCR furniture
 - iv.** Blackboard
 - v.** Food reform
- e.** Matters concerning the randomness of the accommodation ballot.
 - i.** Concern was raised over how randomly all room ballots were being carried out, and the method by which the ballot was drawn. Tom, as Environment and Accommodations Officer, will pursue this issue with the Accommodation Office.
- f.** It was noted that an emergency CUSU Council meeting on Monday is to decide what CUSU's position should be on a national protest run by the NCAFC on student fees. NUS has withdrawn support for an NCAFC demonstration (anti-austerity) based on a risk assessment. The vote is over CUSU's stance on this. Cornelius will go to the meeting tomorrow
- g.** Matters concerning choral and academic scholarships.
 - i.** Choral scholars have complained to the TCSU that they don't qualify for the academic scholarships seeing as they already receive financial rewards for their choral scholarship. They have sought the TCSU's help in making them eligible to receive the financial benefits of being elected to Junior or Senior Scholarships.
 - ii.** It was agreed that the TCSU doesn't endorse non-means based scholarships, and so will not be taking up this grievance.
- h.** Matters concerning optional SCI donation on college bill.
 - i.** It was agreed by the committee that this should be maintained.