

TCSU Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

23rd November 2014, TCSU Meeting Room

Present

Thomas Hughes-Mclure - *President*

Ryan Patel – *Treasurer*

Cornelius Roemer – *Vice-President*

Tim Large – *Overseas Officer*

Rose Lander – *Female Welfare Officer*

Matt Dammers – *Male Welfare Officer*

Leo Sands - *Secretary*

Tom Hampson – *Environmental Officer*

Catriona Chaplin – *Ents Officer*

Kshitij Sabnis – *Publicity and Computing Officer*

Apologies

Will Green – *Access Officer*

1. Welfare Constitution and Open Meeting

- a. An Open Meeting is necessary to have a vote on changes to the constitution.
- b. Next term we will hold another Open Meeting about the bar.
- c. Constitutional changes:
 - i. Welfare Subcommittee will consist of:
 1. Female Welfare Officer
 2. Male Welfare Officer
 3. Women's Officer, voted by members self-identifying as women.
 4. Overseas Welfare Officer
 5. LGBT+ Officer, voted by members self-identifying as LGBT+.
 6. Black and Minority Ethnic Officer, voted by members identifying as BME.
 7. Disabilities Officer, voted by members self-identifying as disabled.
 8. TCSU President and TCSU Treasurer (as defacto members of all TCSU subcommittees).
 - ii. In terms of elections, these will be held on the same schedule as the Executive Committee's cycle, but two weeks later.
 - iii. In order to avoid overlap with the work of 1TQ, the student elected as LGBT+ Officer will serve as a co-president of 1TQ.
- d. The Open Meeting this term will also serve as our Annual General Meeting, and will take place at 5pm on Monday 1st December in the JCR.

2. College Bar

- a. An Open Meeting will be held in Lent term to discuss this.

3. Burrell's Field Expenditure of £1,500

- a. The TCSU President was asked to buy a poker set for the Burrell's Field JCR, it was agreed that Ryan, as Treasurer, would buy this.

- b. Discussions are underway with the Catering Manager over the possibility of installing a vending machine there.
- c. For the remaining £1,000 of expenditure, Ryan will organise the purchase and installation of:
 - i. An audio system in both the main JCR and the Burrell's Field JCR
 - ii. Bean bags
 - iii. Board games such as Twister and Chess, possibly in a new, separate cupboard.

4. Junior Steward

- a. Nominations will close on Wednesday 26th November, Hustings will take place on Friday 28th November, and the election will take place on the Sunday 30th November.
- b. The President will organise this election.

5. PS4

- a. It was agreed that the controllers would be replaced, but the security system would be changed. A card to unlock the cabinet in which they are stored will need to be signed out from the Porters' Lodge. Tom will speak to the Head Porter about this.
- b. One game will be bought for the PS4 to be stored in the cabinet in the JCR, Tom will organise a Facebook poll to determine which game should be bought, and Ryan will then buy it.

6. Liaison Meeting

- a. Ryan raised the issue of the Avenue Lights, this will be put forward.
- b. The issue of the University Gym will be raised.
- c. It will be asked whether there is there a long term plan for the storage of international students' belongings.
- d. The rules regarding shared storage will be challenged. The current accommodation guidelines for keeping
 - i. People should be able to keep their rooms for storage at a reduced rate?
 - ii. Changing the rules on the number of people who can sign joint leases.
 - iii. A change in the wording of the White Book for vacation room rental, which currently states '1/70th of the termly charge per night'.
- e. It should be raised that an article recently published in Varsity has raised concerns amongst students, and what is the college's reaction to this? <http://www.varsity.co.uk/comment/7823>. This may have implications for access initiatives.
- f. Putting the room bookings system online.

7. Unspent ACC money: Initiate project fund?

- a. Cornelius raised the possibility of letting societies, and even individual members, to apply for a fund of unspent ACC money.
- b. However, it was agreed that societies' funding should be scaled up to spend the rest of the money. This will be agreed with the ACC Committee.

8. ACC constitution change

- a. Cornelius would like to make it more specific the responsibilities of societies to the ACC, making it a constitutional responsibility for societies to return accounts of the previous year during the application process for next year's funding.
- b. However, it was agreed that to bring this up as a constitutional change would take away attention from the more important constitutional changes outlined above.

9. Formal Booking System Update

- a. The BA Society's online booking system is run by a member of the BA Committee, however we would like to introduce an online system run by the college. Ryan has talked to the Catering Manager about this and this will be brought up at the College Catering Committee meeting in December.

10. AOB

- a. Welfare Officers will run a Christmas film night in the JCR with Christmas activities.
- b. The Female Welfare Officer and Women's Officer will be running a feminist discussion group by the end of term.
- c. Matters concerning Burrell's Field JCR:
 - i. Ryan has organised the moving of two sofas from the Common Room to the TV Room, and the purchase and installation of a Roku 3 streaming device in the TV Room.
 - ii. Extra tables and chairs have also been added to the Common room for students to use it as a working space.