

TCSU Committee - Freshers' Week

Minutes

Chair: Emily Song (*TCSU President*)

Minutes: Alex Patel (*TCSU Vice-President*), Eliza Harry (*TCSU Women's Officer*)

Absent: Tiffany Chow (Treasurer), Kiran Jolly (Computing and Publicity Officer) - all with apology.

Freshers' Week initial proposal is due at 12pm on 7th March. The proposal should account for preparations for the new master's installation.

TCSU come down to Cambridge earlier than usual as a rule, while iTCSU and other committee members are needed during International Freshers' Week and Freshers' Week. International Freshers' Week begins Wednesday 2nd October.

The suggestions for improvements and types of events to be included are as follows:

Angie Doran: Ents

- Movie Nights: currently three in timetable, suggestion to reduce this to two, replacing the third with another event. One needs to be included international freshers week. Freshers Week also needs to include a non-alcoholic drinks event.
- Idea to include afternoon snacks event in main freshers week if space allows.

Ludvig Brekke: Overseas

- Stash - T-shirts for volunteers with labels
- Idea to have a British cultural event for international students

Wanipa Ndhlovu: BME

- Marketing of events in international freshers week should reach out to BME students
- Unconscious bias/discrimination workshops should be featured
- Use of staff in college to support events where possible so that the important information is impressed upon students

Grace Glevey: Access

- Advertising of spaces in college but also in town to help orientate freshers, aside from the tour, which can be advertised in welcome packs etc.

Maddy Southey: Mental Health and Disability

- Bigger TCSU presence in freshers week
- Welfare tea introduction - an inaugural welfare event introduce officers and make clear their roles
- Guidance on what's on in college and around Cambridge

Eliza Harry: Women's

- Review of the consent workshop to make sure the messages of consent are made abundantly clear

Alex Atkin: LGBT+

- Idea to include LGBT+ awareness workshop, suggestion of this being included in a welfare drop in
- General distribution of information to be more substantial

Jennifer Ocran/Ben Clark: Welfare

- Welfare drop ins for more direct, confidential chats with a different environment to welfare tea
- Suggestion to have a welfare officer on call in the case of any problems
- Club night welfare team presence to prevent Freshers being left isolated

Amendments to existing schedule are listed below. TCSU committee members are responsible and must be contactable for individual events as listed in the Freshers' Week Proposal Spreadsheet.

International Freshers Week:

- Welfare Tea instead of Afternoon Snacks (16:00-18:00)
- Nighttime Punting on Friday (20:00-21:00), Games Night as an alternative in door activity
- 'Afternoon tea' (British theme) instead of Tea and Doughnuts

- MONDAY:

No timetable changes

Committee agrees that dress code for each of the events in the morning should be specified in the Freshers' Handbook

- TUESDAY:

13:00-16:00: Installation of Master Ceremony

16:00-17:00: Speedfriending (Nevile's Court Marquee if available, or Blue Boar JCR)

09:00-12:00: Consent workshops

- WEDNESDAY:

15:00-18:00: Consent workshops

Switch Pizza Dinner with BBQ on Tuesday to ensure no venue clashes with Master installation.

- THURSDAY:

Inclusion of an evening Theatre Trip

- SUNDAY:

12:00-15:00: Respect workshops (Nevile's Court Marquee if available, or Blue Boar JCR)

Other:

Open Meeting set for Tuesday 11th March at 7:00pm in the upper JCR.

Welfare Day to be planned for the beginning of Easter Term. Possible activities include:

- Inner Space workshop, Mindfulness sessions, Yoga classes, Arts and Crafts
- Welfare Team 'on call' during the day - available for the duration of anybody needs support or a more informal chat
- Think about language around failure and exam stress, target-management

Drop-in and rotating welfare sessions to be discussed at next meeting.