

Minutes for TCSU Meeting - 28/02/2016

09.39 am - Vacation Storage

- have come to an agreement to go ahead with it, just want to confirm how we want to go ahead with the proposal - we then proceeded with a second vote.
- Finn's discussion of the liveblogging of Open Meeting, (Cornelius came up)
- Clarification that we are neutral to all events taking place in regards to the CUSU elections, and that TCSU is separate to any ongoing affairs.
- Beginning of next term, can we discuss Vacation Storage to ensure that we discuss this further - JB wants a meeting with IT, TCSU and Accounts.

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- BME racial harassment policy - CUSU BME advising colleges to talk about racial harassment policy - White Book is at the moment only discussing harassment in general, Richelle will meet with Senior Tutor
- Sian and James had general meeting, in regards to policy they can't change a lot of policies as so many different individuals are in charge - internal TCSU master document, who is in charge of certain disabilities and when is it last updated.
- Helplines, haven't been updated on posters around College - make sure that they are readily available for everyone to see.
- Portrait Swaps - proposal from Christ's - Visual Arts Committee - Richelle is in talks with Emma - Nehru? Also female portraits - look into other spaces such as OCR - run a student campaign. (Ask students around college about portraits be inclusive) - Trinity's Making Art Public (use the pictures available) - contemporary pictures would be nice.
- Last year BME conference took place in November, Richelle meeting with Terri-Leigh will happen again.
- Lauren - outreach in ACCESS in STEM to female students, tailoring a program to people who aren't applying.
- Data Collection on BME Applicants - Senior Tutor mentioned she wanted to see a legal and political way to be able to assess ethnicity and race - use HR to separate this information from application. Paper forms? - BME campaign collect information? - University-wide statistics exist, but can't pare it down to College.

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- Environment - Clothes swap at the beginning of Easter Term, people bring things they don't want to wear and swap around (better to raise this over the holidays so that people bring the clothes that they don't necessarily want) - Amnesty also organised one. A token to help exchange things. Promoting it now so that people would leave items - find a storage space (TCSU meeting room) - if excess of clothing donate to Amnesty. - do it over 2 days - Laura write proposal (Junior Bursar and Dean discuss)
- Amusing Stickers at light switches/mailroom - to prevent excess paper - use less paper, encourage societies to minimise flyers - public spaces. - Laura to go through and talk to Lana on publicity committee, and Leyla Hepsaydir.

- Transparency within committee - centralisation of committee affairs, but still delegation is important. Term reports that we each do.
- Team/Committee Bonding - arrange a meeting with BA - meet with other JCR - get in touch with Krishna from BA.
- Room Ballot? - schedule is in White Book.

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- Dryers - amount of time ranges from 10 to 20 to 30 minutes, expense of laundry, however rather the regards to the cost of living here the cost is subsidised. - investigation into laundry services, and analyse other colleges. - Laundry inconvenient but decision made to not take action.
- Trinema made proposal to ACC about purchasing a very expensive projector - TCSU should look at overseeing this, idea raised by Michael Tehranchi. The proposal is justified - it would be fair for TCSU to support this endeavour.

10.39am - Alumni Relations Department Meeting

- gift to graduating alumni? - test more widely if students would like a pen that would have their name engraved it. (or brainstorm other gifts).
- Easter meetings - Week 0, Week 2, and Week 4 - 17th/18th April - date in debate, doodle poll.
- Open Meeting on 6th March will be held - Winstanley/OCR/JCR (even potentially the Bar.) - upper JCR - 7pm onwards - Jag will get the food.
- Michael Tehranchi needs to approve the new committee to make payments etc. by tomorrow at latest should be fully handed over. (Talk to Cornelius about card reader). By next Sunday hopefully TCSU will have access to the account.
- TCSU - open-mic night - Ryan is organising one for the 4th March.
- Fudge event - 8-10pm is Thursday, 3rd March. Encouraging socialisation and chat to your welfare officers.
- Junior Parlour/OCR - have a venue for open meeting
- Termly Reports - next Sunday, template of how it's structured. - Saturday the 12th we send in the reports by 7pm.
- Gender Survey - by Sunday 6th - everyone take the survey - How do you identify - condition the response.
- Have a general survey - Niclas. (incentivise survey - 5 formal tickets).
- Themed formals - Finn and Ryan in contact with Dean and Ian, Dean approves but she wants an actual event planned (theme, dress code). - non-drinking and drinking tickets? (Cost of these formal tickets would be more than current formal ticket). Non-alcoholic ticket would be cheaper than current ticket (prevent unfortunate behaviour). - set policy should occur for students who are sick at formal, a wider aim at addressing drinking particularly at formal. "Formal Behaviour" - Finn, James and Jag writing a proposal/paper to present to students, and with Dean.
- Themed Formal - "Magic" - and decorations on table, TCSU would provide. - Ryan (sub-committee). - Ian will tailor menu. Looking at start of next term.
- Using slack and Facebook chat - chat to serve as urgent and reminders.
- BT Sports (and HBO) -to general survey Niclas
- Fresher's week wristbands - Ryan, TCSU will sort it out. - Jag and Niclas. some events spread out in second week as well.
- Netflix account - Niclas sort out (potentially will be under Ryan Patel).
- Stash - TCSU sweatshirts and stash to come over quickly - Trinity Jumpers should be available for all freshers. Designer to design Trinity jumpers, and then get TCSU to upgrade? (Niclas) - Ryder & Amies sweatshirt

- Dean does not see anyone by themselves, when she sees someone for disciplinary purposes Dean meets students with Tutors.
 - Gym opening hours (apparently this is an issue has been raised) - Niclas to look into it.
 - Burrell's TV room - play station being bought? (Niclas and Jag raised). - open meeting.
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Addendum

The TCSU executive would like to express its disappointment in relation to coverage of our recent emergency open meeting on vacation storage by the Tab.

The meeting was the first of its kind in a long time, brought by the presentation of 20 TCSU members' signatures to the president in accordance with Section 5 of the constitution. It saw a true cross-section of Trinity come together to consider a matter which had been under discussion for over a year, and the committee would like to thank everybody who attended and contributed.

The committee regrets certain aspects of how the Tab reported this meeting. In particular:

- What was recorded in the minutes as a mere show of hands to indicate interest in the Junior Bursar's proposals was construed as a binding vote - though this was amended on request.
- While there was discussion amongst attendees in relation to the metrics by which the vacation storage scheme should be evaluated, the motion proposed passed with 26 in favour and 1 against.
- We do not wish for this highly successful and engaging meeting to be used as part of an ad hominem media campaign against a candidate standing for the CUSU Presidency. The TCSU exists to promote the general welfare of its members, inter alia. We are anxious to ensure that coverage of the meeting as it currently stands should not distract from this aim.

The committee would like to express its thanks for former TCSU President Cornelius Roemer's advice and work on vacation storage as an issue within college. Without both his efforts and those of the 2015/16 committee more broadly, we would not be in a position to move into a trial period as we are for the coming Easter vacation.

The TCSU remains neutral in relation to the CUSU elections and wishes candidates all the best.

