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The past few weeks of Lent Term have been a blur of meetings, minutes and proposals, but after some seven weeks as Vice President I and the rest of the Executive Committee have got to grips with the task of representing you in our discussions with college authorities and delivering on our manifesto commitments.

On 19 February, I met with the sub-librarians to discuss possible changes to the running of the library. We looked in particular at opening hours, fines and borrowing rules, and using data collected by my predecessor I was able to make the point that Trinity has the highest level of book fines of college libraries and some of the most limited opening hours. The sub-librarians were all amiable and open to suggestions for change, but made the point that these would be confined by certain practical considerations - a 24/7 library would be difficult, for example, given security considerations for books in the Wren. We will nevertheless be running a survey to look at library use and preferences as to opening hours, and I will seek to pass on the results and arrange another meeting with the librarians next term.

I have also been working on increasing the level of support that college provides for book purchases, and have put together proposals recommending a shift from a £50 outright grant to a £100 annual subsidy that would have Trinity fund 50% of purchases of essential books or equipment for your course. I raised this and received a favourable response at a meeting of the Liaison Committee on 2 March, and will be arranging further meetings next term.

Finally, I have been working with our Ents Officer to put together proposals for themed formals which we presented to the Dean, as well as meeting with other JCR representatives and CUSU sabbatical officers and attending CUSU council on a fortnightly basis.

As ever, feel free to get in touch via email, Facebook or just a chat in hall.

Trinity love,

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