

*Date: 20/10/18*

Chair: Becky Shepherdson (VP)

Minutes: Frankie Postles (Male Welfare)

Excuses: Molly O'Brien (President)

### **Feedback from Liaison (Becky, VP)**

Key points from the meeting

- Freshers week report happy with and it was agreed that next year staff could swap talks around.
- Burrell's Lighting Working group approved.
- Reflection Room approved.
- Unpleasant mess invoices: Molly to send an email. TCSU have budgeted £600.00.
- Welfare Room under discussion.
- Senior Tutor remind us that screen info to go to Fiona Holland & Bryony.
- Lights in Hall: JB did not take the issue to works, but will do at the next meeting.
- The gym: TCSU are to run an opinion poll from the student body regarding the facilities.
  - o Kieran asks that this includes a look at the opening hours of the gym.
- Communal study space talks are ongoing.
- Showers in Whewells are being addressed, with new showers in K staircase being trialled.

### **2. International Storage (Becky, VP)**

International Students are using storage for students from other colleges, which the Head Porter has asked that TCSU help address. Areeg is asked to send a reminder of the impact of misusing storage and the Junior Bursar and Senior Tutor are to work up sanction recommendations.

### **3. Welfare Meeting (Frankie, Male Welfare)**

Update from Welfare Meeting:

- Welfare room has encountered problems in college, which Catherine Barnard has said she is embarrassed about. She will be taking it up personally, and the issue will be resolved soon.
- Halal food will go to catering, with immediate priority.
- The idea of profiles of Porters and Tutors on the electronic screens was received positively.
- Regarding changing of Side Tutors: the Welfare staff are aware of this and try to minimise disruption, but due to the nature of academia, there is always some inevitable unforeseeable disruption. The Welfare committee were also reminded that if a student wants to see another Tutor, they should email their side secretary as they are responsible for two Tutors. Hamish to follow up Moodle links for this.
- SARC procedure: leaflets outlining procedure have been given new priority. Juliette and Sian are working on a semi-compulsory training in first meeting for the next Welfare committee.

- Juliette will no longer attend meetings due to conflicts of interest. The Welfare committee express their thanks for all her work.
- Councillor form: it is noted this is intrusive and Catherine Barnard is to review this.
- The committee is reminded there is a new nurse, who will be in college on Wednesday and Friday. The committee is encouraged to greet her at some point.
- Academic discipline: Catherine Barnard informed the meeting that there will a more upfront approach with students who do not perform as well as they should have done. Students will now see Juliette Bristow (Mental Health Advisor) before the Dean's Meeting to promote resilience and encourage "students to stand more on their own two feet". The aim is to encourage students to get in touch with her earlier and treat problems post-crisis. The committee is asked for their thoughts.
  - o It is acknowledged that there will always be students who underperform, and this needs to be addressed, there should be a more supportive approach.
  - o It is agreed that the key approach should be to reducing the formality of the Dean's Meeting as this is the most intimidating part for students who may already be vulnerable.

#### **4. Monday vote CUSU Brexit Vote (Becky VP)**

Becky informs the committee that in the CUSU Council this upcoming Monday, there will be a vote on a motion to propose a motion to endorse a second referendum. All the materials are available online. She states that Molly and she are uncomfortable voting on such a devise topic without consulting college, and so they will send a poll tomorrow as an indicator of college sentiment.

- The method of the poll is discussed and for a balance of ease, data protection and ensuring non-fraudulent voting, it is decided a poll via email to Becky's account is the best way.
- It is decided that the subject line of the email should not be overly-politicised and avoid the word "Brexit".

#### **5. Points based ballot system (Emily, Treasurer)**

Emily raises that some JCRs implement a points-based ballot system that might help Trinity refocus from an academic only system. It is raised that this is open to abuse and has not been without contention. It is agreed that this should be considered as part of the wider look at scholar's privileges.

#### **6. Accommodation Office (Cameron, Environmental and Domestic)**

It has been noticed the Accommodation office lights are left on. Cameron is advised to take this to the office in a personal capacity

#### **7. Laundry (Areeg, International Welfare)**

Idea from student to provide plastic bags in laundry rooms for people to put clothes in if a student finds completed laundry there and to provide communal stores of washing powder.

- It is agreed that whilst this is a lovely idea, it is agreed that if students want to implement this, it should be between themselves.

**8. International Potluck (Areeg, International Welfare)**

Areeg raises the International Potluck event. This is clarified to be an event where everyone comes and brings a plate of food that reminds them of home, to help with International Welfare

- Areeg is advised to see Ian Rheinart to discuss potential health and safety. The committee is reminded that the BA society had issues with this event in Freshers Week but that it went ahead.
- Naomi to raise this issue at Catering meeting

**9. Formals (Naemi, Junior Steward)**

Naemi raises that with the changes to Formal Hall, students have to be on Upay very quickly in order to secure places. There is also a discrepancy between Upay and formals lists that were given out at the start of term. She reminds the committee that this was because not enough places were selling at previous Formals, but now there is increased demand.

- It is pointed out that the BA formal get 200 tickets, and TCSU only get 120. Naemi agrees to take this as a point to Catering.
- Becky reminds the committee that the Dean has been keen to have more undergraduates attend Formal as part of college life. She congratulates and thanks the committee for evidently having achieved this, especially through TCSU themed formals.
- Areeg asks if it would be possible to have pepper grinders on tables during Formal. Naemi will follow up with Catering.

***Meeting closed at 18:43***