

# Committee Meeting

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## Minutes

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Chair: Emily Song (*TCSU President*)

Minutes: Alex Patel (*TCSU Vice-President*)

Absent: Grace Glevey (*Access Officer*)

### **Emily Song: President**

In terms of the TCSU budget, access to the account has not yet be granted, so any receipts for events should be sent to the President in the mean time. The budget will be presented at the Open Meeting at the end of term, the date for which will be confirmed in due course.

Proposition for a 'Welfare Day' to happen at start of Easter term and to be run by TCSU, featuring a series of workshops and speakers, suggestions for which are now welcomed to be brought to committee as soon as possible.

TCSU's Freshers' Week proposal will be due in week 8, so ideas for 2019 Fresher's Week will be needed in advance of then. Members are strongly encouraged to bring them to next committee meeting on the 23rd February.

Idea of welfare teas on the theme of drugs to be incorporated into a series of themed welfare teas, initially themed by portfolio (e.g. LGBT, BME etc.). Possibility of a talk on drugs to be included in Fresher's Week timetable to ensure there is a substantial audience and that the message. Objections raised from some committee members relating to the difficulty in finding a speaker, and the effectiveness of another talk in an already extensive programme during Fresher's Week. Women's officer to contact mental health advisor to obtain contacts for potential speakers.

In keeping with the Living Women of Trinity initiative on the 28th April, members are encouraged to contribute to the student participation questions which have been circulated by the President.

Democracy review: CUSU proposals for reform have been released and the proposal detailing the devolution of CUSU council has been approved by TCSU as the optimal solution.

Committee reports on accountability, where possible, should adhere to the templates sent out to ensure uniformity of the documents. Termly reports are required constitutionally and should always be returned to the Vice-President.

### **Alex Patel: Vice-President**

The deadlines mentioned in the previous meeting are set and should be adhered to for the return of any documents. Any outstanding documents (introductory statements or accountability committee reports) should be returned to the Vice-President in advance of the next meeting on the 23rd February.

Any matters that need to be referred to tutorial, with the exception any of confidential welfare reports, should always be raised at TCSU committee meetings first, to prevent any barriers in communication between the President and the Senior Tutor's office.

Minutes from the welfare and pastoral care meeting have been circulated amongst the welfare team. These should be looked over and followed up where necessary. The committee discussed certain points of that meeting (detailed in the welfare section below).

In light of the huge degree of uncertainty around Brexit, CUSU has advised students to refer to the FAQs on the Brexit section of the CUSU website. Committee members should be responsible for directing students to this, as well as making committee aware of any ongoing concerns that students have.

### **Ludvig Brekke: Overseas Welfare**

The Overseas Welfare Officer suggests a number of strategies aim to combat the lack of communication between the college and a significant number of its international students. These include a national welfare tea, which would feature in the series of themed welfare teas, a signup programme to a scheme whereby other international students visit students in their rooms for recreational activities, and the consideration of International student college families to be included from next year.

The Overseas Welfare and LGBT+ officers will collaborate for a Eurovision-based when the competition airs in May.

### **Kiran Jolly: Computing and Publicity Officer**

TCSU requires a publicity subcommittee, the members of which do not have to be on TCSU executive committee. TCSU has decided that it should comprise of no more than four people, and applications should be a written statement of approximately one hundred words, submitted electronically.

The new TCSU newsletter will be the responsibility of the Vice-President for the time being on an indefinite basis while a system for managing the newsletter is devised.

### **Jennifer Ocran, Ben Clark: Welfare**

Highlighted the inadequacy of the welfare room on the grounds of compromising confidentiality, fire safety hazard and noise complaints. No clear alternative currently exists, but TCSU will continue to search for one and this concern has been noted by tutorial.

Looking for a welfare system for year abroad students. Suggestion include a skype system, which the college Mental Health Advisor has offered to instigate. Committee recognises the need for a year-abroad mailing list which would extend welfare support to AMES and MML students in their third year.

Access to TV screens has been granted on the proviso that the content of any publicity is checked by TCSU first and has been run past the Computing and Publicity Officer. The contact for TV communications within college is now in the email directory.

### **Puria Radmard: Environmental and Domestic**

Food bank society has made contact and asked that collection boxes for food excesses are placed in college to reduce waste. There will be an appropriate number of boxes so that collection points are clear, but not so great in number that it causes difficulty in gathering their contents.

### **Benedict Springbett: Junior Steward**

Complaints about the current room booking system have been received, particularly highlighting the difficulties and delays with room booking in college. Another system is being looked into by TCSU, and the issue has been raised with and noted by tutorial.