

TCSU Committee Meeting Minutes 9/2/20

Chair: Ludvig Brekke
Vice- Chair: Ben Clark

Absent: None

Ludvig Brekke, President:

- Introduction to TCSU by President
- The President outlines larger committee plans for the year such as improvements to kitchen facilities, introduction of lights to the avenue, development of the gym, JCR improvements along with improving communication from college staff.
 - Discussion of a Gym and hobs survey and how to go about this. Access to microwaves minimum for every student. A further discussion began about how illegal hobs are a worse fire safety issue, as well as that many gyms don't have proper vents and the works department are often unable to replace them.
- Highlighted how the college will be increasing rents but will be also increasing bursary funding. Overseas Welfare raised a point that Overseas students do not have access to this funding.
- Avenue lights working group. President and Male Welfare to sit on the committee. A discussion then started on the need to push for urgency due to safety and the need for aesthetic looking lights as not to ruin the scenery of Trinity.

Ben Clark, Vice President:

- Asked each committee member to write accountability documents and role bios for the website by next week.
- Introduction to Committee of key members of College, which members of staff are responsible for what and who to go to in case of welfare concerns.
- Brought up the disability room list created by the BA society. Discussed how this could be used and publicized by the committee.
- Discussion of further strikes this term. President and Vice President brought up the need to have the Blue boar common room, butler party room and Wolfson seminar room open for free study space during strikes. In addition to that, indicated to the welfare team that they should look out for students adversely affected by the strikes.
- TCSU quarter zips and fresher's week jumpers- Overseas welfare officer volunteered to organise these.

Ishbel Russel, LGBT+ Officer:

- Flag feedback. Excited that its up but feels that it unfortunate that it's not on the main flagpole. Aim for next year to get the LGBT+ flag on the main or Queens gate and aim to find out what this would cost. Collaboration with BA society in LGBT+ history month and discussion on how other members of the committee could work with equivalent BA Society members. Idea for an (all students) survey on LGBT+ history month events.
- LGBT+ and Women's Officer would like to collaborate on introducing gender neutral toilets.

Roly Peel and Vanessa Tang, Welfare Officers:

- Week five chocolate. This has been ordered in advance of week five for efficiency.
- The welfare team feels that information on the website needs to be updated in order to both be more accurate and to make welfare facilities more visible within college.

- An idea for a weekly welfare bulletin was brought up. Mental Health and Disability Officer stated that they would be happy to collaborate on this. Idea for joint welfare emails, working like a bulletin with all welfare events from the whole welfare team included. Template for this to be held on the TCSU google drive.

Maelle-Marie Troadec, Treasurer:

- Begin an investigation into changing banks from Barclays to Nationwide as per last terms open meeting.
- Budget preparations for next week, each committee members must decide what they want to spend money on and prepare rough estimates of cost for events they would like to hold.