

TCSU Agenda 8/2/2015

1. Introduction

-committee has considered having the meetings at 12pm rather than 1pm to suit more members

2. Brainstorming for big ideas for TCSU as a whole

Library

- Martin: longer opening hours in the library, only opens at 9
- Kshitij: it is more likely that the library could open earlier rather than close later, college is more likely to be open to this as an option
- Kshitij: there should be water cooler in the library, although suggestions in the library haven't been listened to thus far
- Jack: longer deadline for reading room books, maybe 48 hours?
- Caitlin: we should reduce fines, but not too low so people still have a motivation to bring them back

College Gym

-Kshitij: sound system installed, shouldn't be too expensive and if majority of people want it then should be acceptable

Laundry

- Kshitij: chasing up laundry development
- should we get new machines?
- Cornelius: as a general point, there should be greater student representation on planning committees, greater student awareness of what's going on in college with building works, development etc.

3. Presentation and discussion of individual plans

Marios – Junior Steward

- pool situation in bar needs to be improved
- external company currently runs it, and it is their responsibility to maintain it; would maintenance be a problem if we changed this system?
- needs to speak to Ian about how this can be changed and whether it would be good to change it
- formal food should be tackled (with Ian)
- Dean Formals
- discuss with BA society and college about how tickets can be distributed

Martin – Publicity and Computing

- change organisation of TCSU website, visual makeover, update positions etc.
- use website for better communication
- better responsiveness to students – posting requests to TCSU committee, online form
- TCSU welfare sub-committee should be given emails
- blackboard should be regularly used

-Cornelius: we should get rid of non-Trinity adverts in TCSU newsletter

- Kshitij: we would need to talk to other JCRs about this, and to CUSU about the regularity of their newsletters
 - Cornelius: we can tell other JCRs to send it to CUSU because we won't publish it
 - Kshitij: we can't be the only JCR to not publicise university wide information; we could have a webpage for this info
 - Cornelius: publicise as much as possible what is going on in Trinity in the newsletter
 - get in habit of putting what TCSU has done in heading of email
 - we could publicise more things to do with college, rather than advertising external information
- complaints form on the website – does it need to be the same as comments? How easy will this be to do?

Caitlin – Access

- work with Sarah for specific BME access events
 - wider BME campaign and societies getting involved, hosting at Trinity
 - starting organising over next few days
 - speak to Admissions Tutor, Senior Tutor, JB
 - will this be in the holidays or during term time?
 - more diverse backgrounds represented in the students who conduct access tours around Trinity
- facebook page for access volunteers
 - providing training for access volunteers in Trinity
 - updated website, making it more user friendly etc.
 - Cornelius: this should be expanded, making it as comprehensive as possible; get perspectives from different students for different subjects
 - alternative prospectus, in a more searchable form
 - aim access website at students rather than teachers
 - links between TCSU website and access website, and Trinity website – do we need a double system? We could put these together, although may face opposition from college
- in contact with Teri, schools liaison officer
 - making more videos for access – Matt Dyson given budget for law-specific access videos
 - involve staff more on the access side of things; giving prospective students the chance to meet fellows etc.
- Lauren: access bus can feel limited, needs more outreach
 - Caitlin: run access in September, potentially June/July, to target the best candidates

Lauren and Jack – Welfare

- Kshitij: do we want anyone else on the welfare committee? Welfare officers choose and decide this
 - secretary and treasurer can take on same role on sub-committees
- more mindfulness sessions should be available, as many as there is demand for
 - access to tutor in the middle of term; could use office hours they already have
 - pet therapy needs to be explored further

- bar staff: condom machine in disabled toilet, coin mechanism should be disabled - is it run by an external company?
- condom dispenser in college: ready access every time, token system maybe?
- should be in centre of college and in Burrell's

- welfare booklet for freshers
- college counsellor has a big backlog: can we get a second counsellor?
- three to four week waiting list
- Senior Tutor: second counsellor, *raise at liaison meeting*
- could we get a full time counsellor?
- Cornelius: introduce target for counsellor, seeing students in less than a week

- meet the new TCSU event? Free pizza, free fruit and veg

- chlamydia tests at bops
- mental health week activities
- update contact details in toilets
- feminist discussion group will continue
- week 5 chocolate: survey for alternatives, healthy snacks or fruit

Harriet – Secretary

- TCSU complaints and comments forms

Charlotte – Treasurer

- budgets need organising, comparing last year to what we want this year
- send round last year's budget – Cornelius to do this
- come up with good expenditures, and we could get more money from college

- long-term: making budget more transparent for Trinity students, talk to the JB
- Raven locked on TCSU website; what about the Daily Mail?

- can Charlotte help other societies to keep their budgets in better order?
- societies could use money for inappropriate things, so we need to keep track of this

Nicholas – Environment

- continue with Tom's projects etc.
- Student Switch Off, food bank event, green formal (themed formals, like Selwyn)
- more environmental ents – film nights, bird watching, etc.

- domestic: transparency of the room ballot
- photos of rooms for ballots; classify rooms, give them rankings in different categories (noise, facilities etc.)
- recycling bins in kitchen

Michael – Ents

- survey for ents
- big event at the Union, silent disco
- themed formals, BBQ before exams
- freshers week: keeping stuff in college so babies don't get lost
- one Burrell's, maybe keep WPR for freshers?
- swaps with other colleges to investigate formal food (Marios)

4. Budget

- Charlotte Grace, Cornelius Römer
- come up with expenditures etc. to petition for

5. Welfare Sub-Committee elections

- Lauren Brown, Jack Harding and Xavier Bisits
- done, giving them emails, will need to organise a meeting

6. Handover Bop

- Catriona is still in charge
- Michael to shadow Cat

7. Alcohol fine

- Cornelius Römer
- £50-100 fine for students who require porters' assistance because they are too drunk
- how many times would this occur? Maybe 5
- makes people less likely to ask for support/help, puts responsibility on others
- college wants a mechanism in place to discourage this from happening

-JB: he has experience with people, and the only way to deal with a drinking problem is to fine them

-what counts as being 'so drunk'? getting a key?

-tutor meeting as a punishment (suggested by Jack)

8. Bar related issues

-Marios Michael

-Marios: wants bar open 24/7

-people finish work at 11, want to stay in bar longer than 30 mins

-can still stop serving drinks at 11.30, but people should not be kicked out

-the whole room is closed because they cannot store the alcohol

-perhaps talk to Steward (Fellow responsible for food, drink etc.)

-Marios: survey about what kind of beers people want in the bar

-Kshitij: tie this in with renovation of the bar

-Nicholas: layout of the bar, competition to re-arrange the bar seating etc.

-Cornelius: Whewells' cellars, we could put something fun in there

-Brewhouse: developing into a social space

-Bar Committee: this should be involved in developing the bar and social spaces around colleges

-Kshitij: new lighting, new seats, new décor – could get money from college to update bar that is separate from general TCSU budget

9. Computing Committee meeting

-Kshitij Sabnis

-Martin Freimüller

-internet limit, should people pay for internet etc.

-in principal, college is happy to increase it to whatever is appropriate

10. Opening hours of the college gym

- Martin Freimüller
- 6am-12am would be ideal
- gym closes at 10pm currently, could be open later

11. USC gym deal

- Cornelius Römer
- how many people would be interested in this deal?
- could we get this back from college? *Liaison meeting*

12. Room rents and holiday storage

- Cornelius Römer
- survey to work out how much people are willing to pay for storage, and work out an Excel spreadsheet for Anita
- Trinity doesn't hold commercial conferences, only annual gatherings etc.
- so, reduced storage rents should go through; there's no real reason for it not to

13. Publicity/Communication

- Martin Freimüller
- what do we want to use the Facebook page for?
- this was not fully discussed – we'll need more guidance for TCSU on what to post

14. Survey

- Cornelius Römer
- what needs to be included in the survey?
- how much are students willing to pay for storage?
- how many will take up the USC offer?
- questions should be v. important, as TCSU conducted a v. comprehensive survey last year

15. JCR swap

- Cornelius Römer
- Xavier and Sidney Sussex
- BA Society, TCSU old committee, TCSU new committee also going to have a dinner

16. CUSU update

- Kshitij Sabnis
- reading week: CUSU wants to make it well known that they agree with the investigation into reading week, but do not necessarily support protest of not handing work, but want to protect students who do join protest
- Senior Tutors getting involved, and University and Colleges
- consultation with students, mostly through JCRs

- voter registration: publicise, can get CUSU to come to Trinity
- email elections@cambridge.gov.uk to find out if you have registered

- does Trinity have a sexual assault policy?
- Beth should be involved in this, Lauren and Jack please report

- reduced price female sanitary products: survey, what products would people be interested in?

-NUS National Conference: does anyone want to put anything forward for this?

-new structure: under the banner of CUSU, one can become an officer of 'Cycling Safety' and email council with CUSU backing