

TCSU Executive Committee Meeting 20th February 2013

The agenda for the meeting was as follows:

- Finalise the draft for the Plan of Action
- Budget
- Website
- Feedback from Anna and Sarah's meeting with the Junior Bursar regarding the renovation of the bar
- Giving the bar staff our numbers for future events
- Making the bar quiz a fortnightly event
- The upcoming welfare movie night
- News from CUSU section
- Charity for the college bill
- Amy's motion – Living Wage Campaign
- The upcoming WPR

Minutes:

Welcome

Sarah opened the meeting by saying that each member of the executive committee should write a plan for what they intend to do this term.

Sarah also said that everyone should read the constitution. She also defined that any TCSU member can write a cheque for up to £100 if it is co-signed by another member.

Open Meeting

The committee decided that it wanted to publicise Open Meetings more. It was decided that there was to be one the following Tuesday at 8pm.

Budget

Sarah showed a list of initial ideas about expenditure that she had made. There was a discussion on the budget for ents. Charlie said that she wanted more money for decoration at WPRs, i.e she plans to do a jungle theme for the next one on the 8th March. There is not going to be a WPR next term but there will be two during Michaelmas term and one in the following Lent. She envisages each WPR will cost £300. She plans to also sell discounted tickets to Life, to subsidise the first hour of entry and to do drinks deals. James pointed out that the Dean may not be happy with drinks deals, and Sarah said that we as TCSU are not allowed to provide alcohol anymore, it must be from the college. Charlie concluded saying that she was going to get a DJ for this WPR as well as blow up animals and fairy lights. Sarah said that we should discuss all this with the Junior Bursar and that we also need to hire porters which charge £21 an hour after midnight.

The price of Sky was not expected to change from last year. Eddie said that he had spent £80 on chocolate for week 5 blues. There was a discussion on the price of the welfare phones as the £60 for last year seemed a bit excessive. The price was brought down to £30.

The Garden Party in May Week was given a £600 pound budget and the wedding formal £100.

There was talk on the budget for photos taken at ents. Sarah said that Ellie Collins had said she would take photos at ents in return for free entry and drinks. Sarah said she was going to print sport and society photos to put up in the JCR which would cost £50 and then £350 for framing.

There was a discussion about whether or not weekly cake and tea was economically viable, and it was decided that it wasn't considering we have already started the regular quiz night in the bar, and that the Chaplain did it throughout exam term anyway.

Charlie brought up doing an 'It's a Knockout' (essentially a gameshow with inflatables) in college next term. The total cost is £2200 including them setting everything up and providing a BBQ. You have to pay to enter and then form teams to compete. There can be no more than 10 teams participating at once. They also do all the health and safety. There was an idea that we could put on things like croquet and badminton nearby that people could take part in whilst they waited to get into the game. There was also the idea that we could do two shifts, one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

The price for pictures of ents on pinboards in the JCR would come to £10.

The fortnightly quiz nights in the bar were given £480 pounds for £30 to be spent on prize money each time.

The website was given a budget of £500

Amy was told that last year's access officer Stephen Lane was given £200 to make a video he never made, so Amy has these funds at her disposal.

Henry said that he wanted some money to buy food for the environmental awareness film nights he plans to host. He was given £200 for the year.

It was discovered that the blackboard by Great Gate that we want would be paid for by the college as they only took it down when the gate was being renovated.

Website

Jeremy said that he was going to move the server for the website from the Great Court computer room to the student room computing facility as it was more secure there.

Henry brought up the possibility of having computing classes in college but Jeremy said that they already do this at the UCS.

Jeremy asked what we thought of not having the website done professionally, as he had found lots of examples such as wordpress blogs that he could do himself. The committee decided that all the wordpress sites looked great so Jeremy is going to work on a website based on that.

The photography society is also going to have a competition and we can use the photos that are entered on the website.

It was decided that the website would have a blog part where the committee could update the college on what they were doing. There would also be links to the facebook page and to food menus. James suggested having a procrastination page which would have things like youtube videos on it.

Meeting with the Junior Bursar

Postponed – news from it next week.

The Bar

Sarah had made a feedback form for students to fill out to get a better ideas about what students want to change in the bar.

Everyone also agreed to give the bar staff their numbers for future events.

It was decided that it was feasible to do the bar quiz fortnightly, but that everyone on the committee should be responsible for coming up with questions for it.

There is also going to be a movie night in the JCR on Sunday 3rd March

News from CUSU section

Anna said that she was going to continue to send round a fortnightly email with news from CUSU. After the new website is set up it will also be on there.

Charity for the college bill

Sarah explained how at the bottom of everyones college bill there is an option to donate to charity. The TCSU can decide what charity this can be. Sarah had been looking at the website Giving What We Can which assesses how effective charities are. Their top charity this year is the Schistosomiasis Control Initiative which works to control and eliminate the most prevalent neglected tropical diseases in Sub Saharan Africa. The committee decided this would be a great charity to choose.

The Living Wage Campaign

Amy said that she wanted to try to introduce the Living Wage (£7.45 an hour), something that Homerton has already done. She said that Trinity only has about 30 people earning under that at the moment. She is going to propose the motion in the next open meeting and get signatures for the petition, then meet the junior bursar.

Jeremy pointed out that there was a problem with promoting such an issue as TCSU because of its political implications, and James pointed out that it is not an ethical argument. Sarah said that we would take it to the Liaison Meeting if the motion is passed.

TCSU Socials

It was decided that the committee is going to go round all the different college bars to get a feel for what they are like.