

Committee Meeting

Agenda

Chair: Emily Song (*TCSU President*)

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

Absences: Wanipa Ndhlovu (BME Officer) - with apology.

Emily Song: President

Accountability reports were partially filled out at the start of term, and each member of the committee now needs to fill out the corresponding responses to their proposals early in term. There is the option to include a full summary of the term's work. All documents to be sent to Vice-President by the end of Friday.

The food committee met with catering on Thursday, feedback is as follows (check Catering Committee minutes for a full summary):

- Possible improvements to brunch to be made, which has seen no change to the current menu for a long time. Suggestions such as onion rings, bagels, avocado, juice, chocolate sauce for pancakes have been given in committee, and the President invites the committee to think further about suggestions.
- The Welfare Formal is provisionally approved but the menu needs to be chosen by the end of term. The welfare officer must then liaise with the catering office and Treasurer (budget).
- At the start of next term, all allergens in food will be available to be seen.

CCTV is being installed around the I staircase and landing area. The Head Porter has said that positioning of CCTV and the staircase up to the JCR is not preferable, because it does not identify perpetrators of any damage. Neither is CCTV inside the JCR, which could cause resentment from students who may feel they are being constantly monitored. A formal reporting system is needed as no reports have been given to porters. Those on JCR upkeep rota should properly document any damage.

Preference for the date of the May Week Garden Party will be submitted. Terms of Garden Party have been outlined but are pending finalisation. TCSU's priority is to search for a wet weather alternative, as the cloisters are unavailable. The President welcomes any suggestions for particular food over the coming weeks.

Liaison committee discussed a number of matters on Tuesday:

- Looking into booking of supervision rooms, with time-zoning of rooms so that the are open to students after a designated time.

- The issues with the gym were raised, and the Junior Bursar and Buildings Committee are looking into a deep clean of the gym and installation of air conditioning.
- TCSU has been invited to draft a new proposal of scholars benefits, addressing discrepancies of room charges incorporating issues of access. The TCSU Access Officer adds to this the necessity for accommodation to be more open with room availability so that students are aware of options available to them. A flagging system should be in place so that college are aware of students who may not want to go home, but do not feel able to disclose this to various departments in college. Exeat forms, for example, do not account for confidential reasons for students to require rooms in the vacation period.

The Overseas Welfare Officer raises that a similar provision for international students would potentially prevent difficulties in students getting home, but should still be taken on a case by case basis. This will be a discussion that takes place separately from the Scholar's benefit proposal.

Alex Patel: Vice President

Open Meeting will take place on Tuesday evening in the upper JCR and a Facebook event will be made to further publicise this. Committee members to support this push by asking people to come and join in the discussion. Summaries to be delivered by committee members, along with ACC allocations (Junior Steward) and budget (Treasurer).

Jennifer Ocran: Welfare

Supervisor flexibility and support. Issue raised previously in pastoral care committee previously. The options put forwards were to speak to DoS or tutor. Supervisor's handbooks should state policies towards dealing with such issues, as current approach from some supervisors does not take into account more sensitive reasons for missing supervisions.

The Tutorial Manager is in charge of supervisions, and this issue will be followed up by the Mental Health and Disabled Students Welfare Officer.

Alex Atkin

Other colleges have pride flags in their public spaces, so LGBT Officer looking into putting flags in the bar and JCR.

Ludvig Brekke

Eurovision event in need of location, idea of having a combination of bar and JCR for event. Adapters in bar, cheap to buy, possibly with deposit system, extension cables,

The meetings for next term will be fewer in number in than Lent term, with all dates tbc. This will be publicised by the Vice-President at the beginning of next term.