

Date: 24/02/18

Chair: Molly O'Brien, President

Minutes: Becky Shepherdson, Vice-President

*Apologies: BME, LGBT. Absences: Ents.*

#### Admin

Hand signal recap: done.

#### CUSU council feedback + TCSU strike stance

- President + Vice-President attended the themed CUSU Council, and reported it was very informative, with talks from the UCU representative. President notes CUSU pro-strike stance. However, the President asserts she does not want TCSU to take a political stance on the strike, as she does not believe this could represent the student voice at Trinity. Instead she focusses on providing practical help and support for students. President lays out her intention to send an email to the college email containing an outline of what is happening, with practical help for students. The Mental Health Officer will send welfare response after the TCSU stance has been advertised, explicitly aimed at looking after welfare and mental health impacts of the strike, as advised by the CUSU Welfare Sabbatical Officer.
- Women's Officer raises pressure from CUSU to take a feminist stance on the strike and to advertise supporting the strike through Women's Officer role. The President advises her to give a statement of neutrality of TCSU. She also asks the committee not to share any political stances in the capacity of TCSU roles, either on social media or the email lists.
- International Officer reports removal of microphones from lecture halls. President agrees to post point in P+E Facebook group.
- It is agreed that the email will contain
  - o Why/what is happening
  - o Practical support for enabling learning whilst supporting strike

#### Freshers' Week proposal 8/3/18

- TCSU+ is clarified. It is noted by returning members that the system was useful in Freshers' Week 2017
- Individual events are raised from the previous year
  - o Trip to Grantchester: Computing and Publicity reminds the committee that only three people attended and noted the length of time it took (45 minute walk). It is proposed that the event is scrapped and replaced with a different day-time activity. The same problem is noted with the Scavenger hunt; however, it is noted that this was a useful activity, just badly placed in the schedule of events. Vice President notes that the placement of events was the problem leading to lack of attendance rather than event
- **Tea and gown sale:** the committee is reminded that the Upay Chilli system was first used last year rather than cash. The Junior Steward reports that Jeremy Fairbrother has asked this be reviewed, citing the key problems of keeping track of how many of each items were sold. This led to problems with accounting, as TCSU did not get a

breakdown of sales. This has led to a loss of revenue for TCSU. The Treasurer notes that keeping track of inventory is key, President suggests a manual way of keeping track, noting the need for extra member of TCSU to perform this role. Computing suggests noting what individual students purchase, using the spreadsheet of names that TCSU receives. This could then be checked against individual Upay accounts.

- **Society events during Freshers' Week.** The Junior Steward raises that it was previously suggested that societies should apply for extra funding to the ACC. However, she notes that the Senior Treasurer disagrees, counter-proposing that the money should come from Freshers' Week Fund. Junior Steward argues that societies who want to apply for extra funds should come to TCSU and this should be in the Freshers' Week budget. Junior Steward notes she has emailed societies about adding events in societies but reports a lack of uptake. President asks that the urgency of planning the week is passed onto societies. Junior Steward is to ask societies to register interest in running events by 6<sup>th</sup> March, to be incorporated into the first proposal at the initial Freshers' Week meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> March.
- **Open spaces during the day.** Environmental Officer notes the need for open spaces to meet during the day. President notes that the marquee cannot be used in Neville's Court without Council permission. Environmental suggests putting marquee on Backs rather than in Neville's to avoid this issue.
- **Environmental:** Environmental proposes a "How to be green in college" information leaflet in welcome pack or in handbook. Computing suggests combining with the current recycling leaflet.
- **Mental Health workshops:** President reminds the committee of the intention to run Mental Health workshops, similar to consent workshops in Freshers' week. Mental Health Officer agrees to liaise with last year's Mental Health Officer in order to realise the suggestion. He also emphasises the importance of non-clubbing alternatives in the evening. The committee unanimously agrees.
- **Consent workshops:** the committee is reminded of the importance of consent workshops and the need to organise them in Easter term in order to make sure they are appropriately well developed. Welfare Officers agree to hold a Welfare meeting re consent workshops, to which the Vice-President requests to be invited. Vice-President notes importance of fully integrating men into the consent workshops. The Women's Officer agrees, and raises the possibility of using material from the Good Lad initiative. She also proposes advertising the event as being run by the Welfare team as a whole.
- **Day time events:** The Welfare Officers note they are exploring the possibility of events on the Backs or Bowling Green. President proposes holding a Freshers' Garden party in the style of the TCSU Summer Garden party, which the committee agree is a good proposal. Vice-President also notes the use of JCR and Welfare Room as spaces.
- **Daytime punting.** The treasurer proposes daytime punting as an activity, noting the popularity of night-time punting. The Treasurer also notes the lack of punts at night-time punting, noting the need for them to be booked in advance.
- **College speed-dating (friending) Sunday afternoon:** Treasurer proposes this should be held early in Freshers' Week. President suggests this could be in the marquee.
- **Mingles:** The committee is reminded of the importance of the successful mingle events, especially the BME and LGBT events.

- **Clubbing:** It is proposed that Glitterbomb be included in the clubbing schedule. Vice-President requests that wristband are paid for by the committee and distributed to those who want them, so as not to marginalise or financially penalise LGBT students.
- **International Freshers:** International Officer ask for CUSU formal in Trinity on Friday. She also proposes more daytime activities, including punting. Female Welfare proposes that events be extended to other Freshers in college arriving early for other reasons; choir and sports.
- **Arrival times:** Computing suggests sending an email asking for arrival times. President notes that this is not practical for the Saturday and notes that arrivals tend to come in two main rushes when bollards are not in operation (pre-10am, after 4pm). President suggests asking for timed information for those arriving on Sunday.
- **New TCSU sign:** Vice-President notes the need for a new sign. Computing asked to design the sign.
- **Freshers' week meeting.** President calls a meeting next week, Vice-President to organise a doodle poll.

#### Open Meeting

- It is noted that an Open Meeting is needed to vote on affiliation and subscriptions and to approve the budget.
- Other outstanding commitments from previous open meetings are raised: survey of scholars' benefits needed in Lent term, referendum for constitutional changes of the Welfare Role names. Computing and Publicity notes the need for a new voting system before this change is possible.
- It is questioned whether an AGM needs to be held this term. Vice-President will liaise with previous Vice-President to look into the matter.
- Computing reminds the committee that changes to the Schedules in the 2016/17 committee may not have been constitutional and so need to be passed at an Open Meeting as soon as possible.

Room Booking system: Women's officer notes the difficulty of room booking without speakers and asks for an online, streamlined booking comparable to the speaker's form. President informs the committee that this has been raised in accommodation meetings. The accommodation office assert that room booking will always require signatures and that they believe staff members are more likely to reply in a face to face context than to an email. The President will raise this at the Accommodation working group.

Environmental: Organising a film night of Blue Planet 2 on the 9<sup>th</sup> March. President requests that the date is confirmed after the BA formal date is confirmed. Environmental Officer asked to check if such a screening is legal by contacting a law Fellow, or Catherine Barnard.

Box of tampons in the TCSU room: Environmental Officer reports that Jimmies do not need them but suggested offering to Winter Comfort. Male Welfare to liaise with contacts in the organisation. Mental Health also proposes that the clothes bank in Bishop's Hostel is more widely advertised and used to dispose of the speaker.

BA formal: President announces this has been proposed on 9<sup>th</sup> March. President to email and ask for next term, as Welfare Officers and Vice-President would be unable to attend.

Bulletin: President requests that an email is sent explain what bulletin is and stuff to include.

Facebook group all students: President proposes creating a JCR group for the whole college as it is noted that posting in multiple Freshers' groups is confusing and means an inconsistent message is spread. It is proposed to keep Freshers' groups for the purposes of Freshers' Week, whilst also advertising the whole college page as the main online space. In order to police who was in the group, TCSU would be made admins.

Disclaimer on Facebook: Computing and Publicity will create a statement for all TCSU social media pages and accounts, making explicit that content is monitored and may be removed if it violates TCSU policy.

Contact sheet emails: Female and Male Welfare announce the creation of a poster to be sent to the works department to be printed and put on bathroom door. Mental Health suggests adding some additional contacts, which will be shared in the Welfare slack channel. Computing will check the poster to see it follows the style guide before it is sent, and notes that posters should be printed once before being sent to check the layout. The President raises the importance of having an email contact sheet for staff. Computing notes that this is on the Slack channel. The President will check the list and make additions if necessary, and the correction of any emails that wrongly end ".cam.ac.uk" should to changed. Vice-President to be removed as moderator for the email list.

Photo for website by Communications office: Vice-President to send Doodle poll to organise times, after liaison with the Communications Office.

Draw for Commemoration dinner: Areeg, Cameron, Kiran, Anna Cardoso, and Hamish are drawn as guests for the Feast.