

TCSU Committee meeting

Date: 21/06/18

Apologies: Ruth, Anna, Naemi

Absence: Frankie

Chair: Molly

Minutes: Becky

Freshers' Week

- Timetable

Molly asks to all committee to read and book events to which they have been assigned and asks them to do at the start of summer. If there is too much for any individual, they should message Molly.

- Bookings (Neville's Ent)

Molly tells Amelia to contact relevant companies at the start of summer. These include but are not limited to a chocolate fountain, catering (snacks and drink), DJ, photobooth, Porter's (need two to be present all night). Catering arranges the flooring and tent. Molly spoken to catering who have agreed the same supply system as last year, with a slightly reduced budget. £2300 last year budget, catering £1200.

- Stash

iTCSU t-shirts need to be ordered. This is to be discussed with Frankie.

- Consent workshop

Anna has messaged Lola twice, but this year no CUSU consent workshop training has happened. Molly suggests to go through Daisy to organise for early in Freshers' Week .

- Budget

This has been approved by College Council, and Jeremy Fairbrother has noted that there remains some leeway. Molly reminds the committee to keep receipts to be refunded and to message her if there are any personal issues.

- TCSU+

Molly will make Facebook group during summer, and they will arrive on Saturday.

- Handbook

Kerem reminds people to keep notes succinct. Molly will create a group to edit last year's handbook on Overleaf. She reminds people to be careful of wording, remembering cultural sensitivity. Sian Gardener will set dates for the Handbook. Molly will ask Naemi to force all societies to put in handbook and start sorting Chaplains Squash.

Fellows' Privileges

An email was sent to Senior Tutor by student and passed to Molly to get the committee's opinion and see if it was a matter to take to Liaison. Students are not permitted to cycle down avenue, or walk on most grass, which is seen as discriminatory. General consensus from the committee is that there is a differentiation between college staff and students due to different qualifications and positions in college. Furthermore, TCSU feel that it is important to the college and its image to keep the gardens looking as beautiful as they do. It is suggested that the problems of discrimination are much broader, resting on the make-up of Fellow in the college.

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- It is noted that there are open spaces in College such as the South Paddock. It is noted that this open to public for the Bank Holiday for Gormley statue, and that it created a convivial atmosphere which was appreciated by the student body.
- Molly will look into the reasons for the cycling rule, and see if it could be modified.
- As a compromise it is suggested that they negotiate the Angel Grass, New Court, Whewell's which are less prominent but would help give college a more communal feeling.

Formals

Neami reports that college catering are preparing Michaelmas formals, with formal menus made in the term before. Molly emphasises that menu is very important. College has also agrees that if TCSU pays, we may host arrival drinks as long as we pay. Molly reminds the committee to check with Emily about the budget beforehand. Molly reminds committee members to agree a cost with catering after which point drinks will not be served. TCSU should keep this in writing.

- Areeg: International formal as part of international week to show examples of what the international community adds.
- Non-alcoholic formal: mocktails. Molly reports this was the idea of the Dean and so College would subsidise. Attendance would be monitored and decide if it would be a regular event. Kiran is to look into arranging this, organising it for week 2 Michaelmas. There remains the need to find a workable solution for regular formals.
- Green Formal: to be organised by Cameron
- Halloween formal + bop at Cindies: Formal to be organised by Kiran. The two events will take place in the same week but not the same date.

Drinking culture

Anna ask what the committee is planning to do. Molly notes the big concern regards society wide issues. Molly reports the address by the Dean to the Cobblers. Ask for suggestions.

- Drink and alcohol talk: Frankie has spoken to Catherine regarding the tone of Dean's talk.
- Anna will talk to Daisy and take suggestions from the meeting to make a lasting change regarding the Drinking Society. Catherine has no intention to ban drinking societies as she feels this does not equate to properly tackling the problem.

Housekeeping feedback

Cameron reports from the meeting with the Head Housekeeper that it is not possible to place recycling bins in gyms, as in most there is no space. TCSU will use the Freshers' handbook to promote proper practice by students. The importance of bedders following college recycling policy is noted. This will be enforced using Bedder feedback, to be introduced next year.