

## **Lent and Easter 2018 Reports**

### **President—Molly O'Brien**

TCSU has achieved an incredible amount in half a year, especially given two-thirds of this time has been Easter Term, when everything slows down. I have spent this time managing the Committee, ensuring they are completing the promises they made on manifestos and in open meetings.

I have chaired weekly Committee Meetings to give the Committee Members advice and help on anything they have had reported or want to do. I have also chaired two Open Meetings at which any Trinity member can give ideas of things they want to change or are concerned by, and the Committee and myself have fed back and made changes. This involves my participation at a termly Liaison Meeting at which Becky and I meet with college staff about issues that we want to change; these have been very successful so far. Following these, I have met with the Junior Bursar, Head Porter and Senior Tutor individually to discuss further improvements, such as with student storage spaces, welfare supply access, and SALTO locks on doors. I have also been the representative voice of Trinity at CUSU Council every other week regarding university-wide issues such as the industrial strike action, college life, and welfare in 'exam term'.

I have tackled the two ongoing problems of laundry and lights in Burrell's Field. The price of laundry has completely dropped to nothing and lights in Burrell's are now in the planning process and will be completed in the near future. I have overseen many events from themed Formals to Garden Parties and allowed the introduction of weekly Welfare Teas in the new Welfare Room. This allows students to get to know the welfare members of the Committee in a relaxed environment.

I have overseen and helped with the planning of Freshers' Week, including a wider variety of non-alcohol related activities such as a Garden Party and a speed-friending meet and greet. I look forward to the second half of the year and to see what else TCSU can bring.

### **Ents—Amelia Hutchinson**

Since taking over the role of Ents Officer from Molly at the Handover Bop, I have worked to maintain some of the features that she and the previous team had in place, such as ensuring that queue jump tickets for a variety of different club nights are available from the College Bar. As a team, we have put a lot of time and effort into planning the 2018 Freshers' Week, and have made several changes to last year's schedule to include a greater selection of exciting and varied events. One of these is a Freshers' Week Garden Party, which I am really looking forward to running. The TCSU Garden Party that the team and I organised and hosted during May Week was great fun, and I'm hoping that the experience of running this will help in the running of Freshers' Week events. As well as Freshers' Week, I am looking to host a Halloween Bop at Cindies, as well as other smaller events throughout Michaelmas term!

## **Access—Lara Jenkins**

One of my biggest responsibilities this term has been recruiting and coordinating student volunteers for Trinity's Maths, Arts and Sciences Open Days, as well as the whole University Open Days. Making Trinity's incoming first-years aware of the Trinity Access community and ways in which they can get involved will be an important step in continuing this work next term, as next year I will need to recruit student volunteers to help with applicant interviews in December and the Shadowing Scheme in Lent term.

In addition to this, I worked with Trinity's Admissions Team to create a virtual tour of College in the form of a video, designed to encourage students to visit Trinity on their Open Days or to give them a feel for the place if they were unable to visit due to time-, monetary- or distance-related constraints. Creating this kind of online content is part of my goal make help Trinity's access efforts reach students whose schools are not especially helpful in passing on Oxbridge-related opportunities. Originally, I planned to do this by increasing Trinity's social media presence; however, after attending admissions meetings in which we discussed the results of an offer-holders survey, I have learnt that prospective students are far more likely to engage with Trinity's website than its social media accounts. Over the summer, I therefore plan to work with the Computing and Publicity Officer to revamp the Access page of the TCSU website and ensuring that it is linked to by Trinity's main website.

I will also be acting on suggestions by two students relating to the Kitchen Fixed Charge and publicising the fact that Trinity is able to reimburse low-income students for their travel to and from interviews.

## **Computing and Publicity—Kerem Ergene**

My initial priority during Lent term was completing the handover; this involved redirecting email addresses and gaining access to the website. However, the transition was not as smooth as would have been liked, and in the process of removing the previous Computing and Publicity Officers from the website, Farzana and I erased all documents uploaded prior to February 2017. This initiated the somewhat lengthy process of restoring the website from a prior backup. After recovering the website, I took and edited photos of the new Committee, and began to work on updating the website's content.

In addition to this, I have been sitting as TCSU's representative on the Computing Committee, the Website Committee, and the Intranet Working Group. These committees have been very successful so far this year; most notably, the Intranet (MyTrin) will soon receive a significant upgrade, and information screens will be introduced in key locations in College. Over Long Vacation, I hope to look at and update every page on the website, and also make the website easier to navigate.

On the Publicity side of things, I have been sending out a weekly bulletin containing the events taking place both within and outside of Trinity. Over the summer, I plan on creating a style guide for TCSU, in addition to working on formatting the Freshers' Handbook and the Societies' Prospectus. Next term, I will also look to

better utilise the noticeboard in the entrance to the servery and will ensure it is regularly updated.

### **Junior Steward—Naemi Melvin**

Since February, I have been working closely with the committee to organise Freshers' Week, focusing on getting slots for societies—in 2018 there will be 9 societies holding events for incoming Freshers. I am currently planning Chaplain's Squash, hoping to get as many societies involved as possible and creating the Societies' Prospectus. Over the summer, I also plan to make the Societies page on the TCSU website clearer, so people have a better idea of what's on offer and how to go about creating a new society or getting involved in one.

On the catering side, I have arranged two Food Committee Meetings, both of which have been successful. The bar will now be open from 8 AM in Michaelmas, following on from testing an earlier opening time this Easter term; lighting in hall has been passed on to the Building Committee; and there are several themed Formals coming in Michaelmas, with members of TCSU having a say in those menus. I have also arranged with Ian Reinhardt (the Head of Catering) to send out a survey in Michaelmas regarding food in College, so I am looking forward to hearing and implementing your ideas!

### **LGBT+ Officer—Anna Dimitriadis**

Since Lent, I have spoken to the Senior Tutor about the importance of LGBT+ visibility in College and flying the pride flag throughout February, LGBT+ History Month. I will be presenting the Fellows' Committee with a proposal in October, which will hopefully result in Trinity displaying the flag for the first time. Regardless of the proposal's success, in light of these discussions and other Liaison Committee meetings, it has been decided that a rainbow flower arrangement, due to blossom in February, will be planted by the river.

I have also presented a JCR motion to support CUSU LGBT+'s "Why Gender Neutral?" campaign, which aims to make the University more welcoming of trans and non-binary students by de-gendering bathrooms, dress codes, and administrative procedures. The motion was passed, and throughout summer I will be looking into Trinity's current relevant policies in order to identify what could be changed to further this cause.

Finally, the Overseas Welfare Officer and I jointly organised the annual Eurovision party, and I have committed to hosting an LGBT+ mingle during Freshers' Week.

### **Overseas Welfare Officer—Areeg Emarah**

During my time on TCSU so far, I have been working on International Freshers' Week quite a bit. The iTCSU committee is now set up and preparations for Michaelmas are underway. Other than that, I am currently working on the introduction of a Reflection Room in College to provide a space for students of any

and no faith, where they can take a moment off to pray, meditate, etc. In addition, TCSU is planning for an international-themed Formal in Michaelmas.

### **Treasurer—Emily Song**

This term I have worked on securing more discounts for Trinity students, with the waffle stall discount having begun at the beginning of Easter Term. In addition, I have worked on the budget for TCSU for the year, which was approved at the Lent Open Meeting, detailing what TCSU will be spending our money on over our Committee. A large part of last term was taken up by the Mandate Change, for which myself and Molly worked with the Senior Treasurer to push through. More recently, Molly and I have worked on the Freshers' Week proposal to prepare for the 2018 intake! I'm looking forward to working with Amelia to look into organising an additional Bop, as well as finding further discounts for Trinity.

### **Environmental and Domestic Officer—Cameron Osborne**

Through working with various college departments, I've been able to achieve several goals; clarify questions; begin to plan ahead for Michaelmas, which will hopefully be jammed with green-themed events; and respond to students' housing and environmental queries. With the Catering Department, I've managed to hold one sustainable green Formal, with another in the works for mid-Michaelmas. Catering have also been very proactive in examining their recycling procedures to make it easier for students to sort their waste in areas around college, massively helping recycling rates. Housekeeping has confirmed that bedmakers who don't sort recyclable from general waste are not in line with the department's rules, and so will be monitoring this to ensure these are followed. It has been found out that recycling bins cannot be universally placed in gyp rooms due to lack of available space. Green issues will be addressed in the Freshers Handbook to advocate green living at no one's expense. I aim to put together a student team to tackle the Green Impact challenges, also working with departments to improve the College's sustainability at the next audit during Lent.

### **BME Officer—Kiran Jolly**

Over the last term and a half, I have organised a few cross-college events to help BME students widen their network across Cambridge, including a mingle with St John's and a university-wide BME garden party. I have also investigated how the College could introduce a Reflection Room, which would act as a religion-neutral place for quiet contemplation and/or prayer, and I attended a Food Committee Meeting to try to create a cheaper, alcohol-free Formal option. As well as this, I have been a part of organising and running an access day for a group of BME students to encourage them to go into higher education.

Going forward, I plan to continue organising BME events, such as a Formal in Lent, as the previous BME officer did, which can hopefully bring together BME students across the university. As well as this, I will ensure that Freshers' Week and events in college throughout the year are more inclusive to those who choose not to drink, for example, organising a strictly non-alcoholic formal, open to all.

### **Vice-President—Becky Shepherdson**

These last two terms have been busy! As Vice-President, I have attended meetings with Molly at to represent students at all levels of college. This includes meetings about Freshers' Week, LGBT issues and cost-of-living meetings. I have also created the TCSU notice boards to increase visibility and met with Housekeeping to discuss feedback for bedders, to be rolled out next year. I continue to minute meetings to keep a good record of all the hard work of the Committee and I attend CUSU Council.

### **Women's Officer—Anna Cardoso**

So far this year, I've sat on panels about gender equality at Trinity; supported women and non-binary people in college; advocated for the change of disciplinary procedure (with reference to sexual assault) at the Senate House; and organised a women's Formal to celebrate 40 years of female Fellows. I plan to introduce events with Trinity Women's Network—I've had people approach me about setting up more networking events. I also want to introduce leadership workshops for women.

### **Female and Male Welfare Officers—Ruth Warner and Frankie Postles**

The Welfare Officers' work since the start of this TCSU Committee has largely been spent attending to ongoing welfare-related issues. The new Welfare Room has proved invaluable in this sense, providing a comfortable space for students to meet with Welfare Officers. This interaction with the wider student body has been complemented and enhanced by the increasingly popular Welfare Tea Parties, which provides an environment where students from different social groups intermingle and share experiences. As well as these ongoing commitments, the Week 5 chocolates have been ordered and distributed on time.

Projects for the summer break include allocating College Parents, as well as an overhaul of the Welfare Contacts posters around Trinity. Close work will also be paid to supporting other officers in their various projects.

### **Mental Health and Disabled Students' Welfare Officer—Hamish Trowell**

Since starting in Lent Term, I been meeting with students one-on-one to discuss mental health concerns in the new Welfare Room. Alongside the rest of the welfare team, I have received basic training for this by CUSU. I am in the process of creating a Trinity Welfare section on Moodle for useful information and resources, which should be completed in time for Michaelmas. I hope to include an online form for students to arrange a meeting with their Tutor, making it easier to ask for support.