

Date: 13/01/19, 18:30

Chair: Molly O'Brien (President)

Minutes: Becky Shepherdson (Vice-President)

Apologies: Cameron Osborne

President

LGBT Matters

Update from LGBT Officer: Catherine Barnard (Senior Tutor) has replied to TCSU saying that the issue of LGBT Flag is going to the College Council this week. The LGBT Officer has emailed responses and anonymised responses to her from the survey to be included at the meeting. TCSU do not know what form discussion will take and are not invited to College Council. If no feedback is given, Molly and Becky will raise it at Liaison again. Molly and Becky will meet the BA Society pre-Liaison, to ask if BA have/will send the survey to graduate students.

It is raised that even if the flag is not on a flag pole this year, there could be one in the Porters' Lodge, as a short-term alternative. Molly reminds the committee that the frustration at the apparent lack of progress is not due to lack of diligence or effort on behalf of the LGBT Officer, who has worked incredibly hard this year; rather that changes in college are slow to be enacted.

LGBT Formal: Catering have emailed to see this still needs college permission. The LGBT Officer should email the Senior Tutor and cc. Sian Gardener.

College Survey

There has been a good response rate so far (185). Molly will send another reminder via email and this eventually will be put into report and feedback.

TCSU elections

Husting will be 30/1; Elections are on the 1/02 and the official handover week with both committees finishing on 8/2. The President asks for as many members of the executive committee as possible to be at hustings.

The committee is also reminded to start preparing or editing hand-over documents. These should include events that were run this year, ones which did not get organised but could be carried over, any difficulties and key members of staff.

Regarding hustings: last year, hustings had to be split because there were so many applicants. Ideally, they will be on one evening, but this will depend on number of applicants. There may be issues using the bar to announce results due to clash of events with the BA Society. It is decided that if the bar is very busy on the evening of results, there will be an announcement in the bar and the results will be given in the JCR.

Freshers' Week budget

This needs to be prepared for Liaison. The Treasurer is to send this to the Vice-President by 21/1 at midday.

*Vice-President***BME consultation**

The Vice President asks for an update. The BME Officer says this is going ahead and he has been consulting with active BME members in the college to find a suitable date. He has also posted in the BME students' Facebook group to clarify the difference between the consultation (from TCSU) and the change to the BME formal name (from College). It is suggested he send this information in an email as not all BME students may be in the Facebook group. He should also make it clear that TCSU does not have a view on this matter, it simply wants reflect on changes that have happened in other colleges, and consult our own student body.

The Vice-President suggests that another BME member of the committee and attend and take some brief notes to record proceedings whilst allowing the BME officer to chair the meeting. It is agreed the International Welfare Officer will do this.

*Ents***Handover Bop**

Clare Cellars (the usual venue) is not available on 9/2 and so the date this year will be the 15/1. The venue is yet to reply with prices, but this will include a bar tab. The Male Welfare Officer is to sort the band. Wristbands for a club night afterwards will also be arranged. Due to past events, the Ents Officer is reminded to specify that TCSU will not be held responsible for any damages in Clare Cellars.

Open Mic Night

This has permission from the bar and will take place after the Welfare Formal. The Ents officer will email college ask if any Trinity Students would like to take part. Participants should also provide a list of equipment requirements to the Ents Officer. Due to past problems, she should also add a reminder to keep out offensive material. The Vice-President can help word this.

Amnesty International Bop

A student has emailed to ask if TCSU could financially support an Amnesty bop. The Junior Steward advises that the student would have to apply to set up a society and request funds from the ACC, as TCSU does not support society events. It is pointed out that Pink Week representatives have also asked for charitable funds and were denied on this basis.

It is suggested they also speak to Solidaritee, who secured college funds for a charity bop, and to May Week Imitative, who secured sponsorship from venues and companies for bop supplies.

*Welfare***Welfare Room update**

This is finally confirmed and is being equipped by the Works Department next week. It is a downgrade, but is the only room in college not next to Student rooms. Emphasis for handover should be that although the next Committee could try again, this has been a very long process already. Instead, practical changes such as the removal of the partition, could be requested. This may be ready as early as 21/1.

Any other business

Liaison: business to be taken to Liaison includes everything that was not previously discussed due to lack of time. International admissions procedure is raised, and it is agreed this should first go to the admissions Fellow.

ARDO

Committee thanks ARDO for their kind gift of water bottles. The Computing and Publicity Officer will liaise to arrange a time for ARDO to speak to the committee. Lunchtime is suggested.

Shadowing Scheme: The Access Officer reminds the committee that that Shadowing Scheme takes place in 3 weeks-time. She raises it would be useful to have JCR just for shadows in evenings of Thursday and Friday. Although she cannot book this, it is suggested she put up a sign and send an email.

Meeting closes 19:37