

TCSU committee meeting minutes 07/3/21

Chair: Serena Cole

Absent: Ayesha Khan

Accommodation ballot

President shared 2 options available for timing of accommodation ballot: starting ballot in Easter holiday and trying to finish by end of April or extending it over Easter term and having more space between selections. Accommodation office is willing to get 360 camera photos of example rooms and communal facilities and also to have floor plans for every room. International Welfare officer opined that it shouldn't matter that much to wait until term especially as resources will improve. Mental Health and Disabled Students Welfare Officer highlights that Easter holiday is too soon anyway.

Glimpse collaboration

Male and Female Welfare Officers have liaised with Christ's JCR to hold a joint Glimpse social event and would like to push for a big turnout for the first week. Would give an opportunity for intercollegiate socialising.

Freshers' week planning

President explained that Freshers' planning is normally finished in Lent term. We need 2 plans based on severity of restrictions. President went through 2020 calendar and modified it with new responsible persons for this year.

MH&DS officer suggested a new event where current students talk about the normal pitfalls of term. Could collaborate with mythbusting event. MW officer wants to hold an event with Goodlad for male mental health and toxic masculinity. President suggested removing second consent workshop to make space in calendar, depending on whether smaller groups are required. Workshops could also be moved to before students arrive and moved online to save space. President also described normal workshop turnout and how we should avoid workshop fatigue. Treasurer suggested a 'Meet TCSU' event maybe virtually before students arrived.

Vice President explained that use of Newton's cradle for events depends on getting an alcohol licence which would mean that it would have to close in future lockdowns.

President went through committee report from 2019 Freshers' week.