

Liaison Committee Minutes

Wednesday 1st May 2013, 2pm, Old College Office

Attendance:

Professor Worster, Senior Tutor
Dr Pullen, Junior Bursar
Professor Gray, Dean
Chris Stoltz, Chaplain
Mr Corbett, Fellow
Julia Attwood, BA Society Secretary
Janina Voigt, BA Society Treasurer
Sarah Dew, TCSU President
Anna Elliot, TCSU Vice-President
Amber Stevenson, TCSU Secretary

Apologies:

Dr Sarris, Steward
Stuart Haigh, Senior Treasurer of TCSU
Stan Wang, BA Society Liaison Officer
Rory Landman, Senior Bursar
Dmitri Levitin, Fellow

1. Matters arising from last meeting's minutes

Minutes of last meeting accepted.

1.1 College bar update

The Junior Bursar asked TCSU how far they had got with bar plans, and whether or not they had yet spoken to the Catering Manager. The President of TCSU said that they had spoken to the Catering Manager and were waiting to hear back from the Steward regarding the bar committee. They also confirmed that they wished to ask some student architects to draw up some provisional plans of renovations, and that this had been agreed with Mr Reinhardt. The Senior Tutor said that after looking at the financial accounts of the TCSU, there seemed to be a surplus and some of this could potentially be put forward for the renovations.

1.2 Living Wage Campaign

The Junior Bursar reported that he had met with the TCSU Access Officer and told her the College's policy on wage increases, as was discussed in the previous meeting. The proposed Cost of Living increases wef 1st July 2013 will be discussed in a meeting of the Staff Committee next week.

1.3 Burrell's Lighting

The Junior Bursar said that he hoped the open meeting on the lighting situation held the previous evening had been helpful. The Vice President said that she had got a lot of positive feedback.

1.4 BA graduate student satisfaction survey

The Junior Bursar said that he had received this survey from the BA Society, and had useful discussions with the BA Committee. He would respond formally shortly.

1.5 Questionnaires for AN UK

The Junior Bursar said that the Self Assessment questionnaires had arrived. He proposed to point out that exam term was not the best term to do a survey. He said that AN UK will also wish to meet with TCSU and BA Society representatives, as and when the “peer review” takes place.

2. Matters arising from College Council

2.1 Caesarian Sunday

The Senior Tutor said that he had received an email from the Senior Tutor of another college expressing concern about rowdy behaviour. However he said that he hadn't noted any concerns involving Trinity students in the past and believed that sending an email round to the student body would just advertise the day.

3. Matters arising from the Junior Bursar

3.1 Refurbishment of New Court: Update

There has not yet been a final decision on whether or not refurbishment of New Court will start this Long Vacation, however it is anticipated that one will be made by the end of term. The BA Society enquired if the Junior Bursar had made a decision on reduction in rents for graduate scholars, the Junior Bursar said that there had been no decision made.

3.2 Overseas storage in the Long Vacation

If work starts on New Court then it is probable that the Brewhouse won't be available for overseas storage. The Junior Bursar asked if TCSU would agree that the WPR could be used as it was never used over the summer. The President of TCSU pointed out that it would have to be cleared before fresher's week. The Junior Bursar said that there was an issue with a lack of space to store luggage. Restrictions had been tightened about who was eligible to use the overseas storage, and other options considered, but no alternative had been found.

3.3 Rent charges 2013-14

The Junior Bursar said that he would put recommendations to the College Council later this term. He would come back to the next Liaison Committee meeting with a definite proposal but he estimated that the rise would be about 4.5%. This figure is in line with information from Bidwells regarding rent increases generally both over the last year, and forecast for the coming year.

3.4 British Heart Foundation clothing bank

The Junior Bursar said that since many clothes were left at the end of each year it might be good to recycle them. He had been contacted by the City Council, on behalf of the British Heart Foundation from who we can get deposit banks, which might be put in Bishop's Hostel or Burrell's Field. They could be in place by 13th June with two collections on 21st June and 1st July. They would also give us 900 sacks to dispose the clothes in. These would be put in people's pigeon holes. The Junior Bursar said that he needed to have confidence that people would use it and take it seriously. The President of TCSU said she was sure people would not misuse it and that it seemed like a very good idea.

4. Steward's Business

Nothing to report.

5. Dean's Business

The Dean stated the importance of people behaving peacefully and quietly during exam term, and of respecting others.

6. Matters arising from TCSU

6.1 New website launch

The new website will be launched with an updated societies' directory. TCSU will also monitor the comments made on the website and reserve the right to remove inappropriate ones.

6.2 Lighting

TCSU brought up the idea of lighting the Avenue because of the cobbles on the road.

7. Matters arising from the BA society

7.1 Concern over misuse of BA rooms

The BA society brought up the issue of theft in BA rooms – some batteries have been stolen. They said that they wanted to buy some more kitchen equipment however they are concerned that it might be stolen. An idea was to have a locked cupboard and to keep a key with the Porters. However the Junior Bursar raised the issue of people not returning the key to the Porters. The Senior Tutor suggested putting a SALTO lock on the cupboard, as you can get a SALTO lock to fit into a Yale lock. The BA society agreed to meet with the Junior Bursar for further discussions.

8. AOB

Nothing to report.