

Liaison Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 3rd June 2015, Old College Office

Apologies from: Paul Dominiak, Rory Landman, Stephen Elliot

Welcome to: Andrew Bowyer, Daniel Larsen

1. Matters arising from last meeting's minutes

-Harriet to distribute final minutes

2. Matters arising from College Council

Some new Fellow appointments have been made, and two new chaplains have been appointed. Interviews are currently taking place for a Spanish Language Assistant, and the role of communications officer has been advertised. The website is being updated to include news and events on the front page.

A returning carers scheme has been implemented for academics. The College has also implemented the shared parental leave scheme, and has chosen the most generous version.

The Teach First bursary scheme has been renewed, and the SLA is to promote the scheme more actively. It may be that the bursaries could be redirected to those completing PGCEs if there is not enough uptake.

Over the summer, College will be looking to develop a fund to support students so that they can participate in internships, and to expand the student research schemes at Trinity.

3. Matters arising from the Junior Bursar

Everybody employed by the College earns the living wage. There will be a general salary increase of 1% from 1/7/15.

The increases in room rents within College and at the Graduate Hostels will be modest; within College, room charges will be increased by 2% and within Graduate Hostels, there will be an increase of 3%. For flats, there will be no increase. It is noted that college accommodation across all colleges remains very cheap in comparison with external providers in Cambridge.

4. Matters arising from the Dean

-no matters arising

5. Matters arising from the Senior Tutor

-no matters arising

6. Matters arising from the Steward

3D images of the bar have been received, and these should be discussed with the TCSU before further action is taken. The TCSU requests that the Steward will consult them about rises in food prices.

7. Matters arising from TCSU

- a) Wider beds for New Court
The more pressing issue in college seems to be in providing longer beds, which affects more students. The College will not be fitting wider beds in New Court, and the issue of linen provision needs to be considered before further action is considered regarding longer beds throughout College.
- b) Alcohol policy
The TCSU will redraft and improve the drugs and alcohol policy, and will also provide a wider guidance on the TCSU website. The policy ought to be included in the White Book for 2015/16.
- c) Sexual harassment policy
The sexual harassment policy will be redrafted in line with points raised. There should be a general emphasis on respect, particularly with regard to gender equality, during Freshers' Week.
- d) Formal tickets for alumni
TCSU has not found a problem with this, so long as limits are imposed. Further action should be discussed with the Steward.
- e) Bar renovation
This has been briefly discussed already.
- f) Condom dispenser
The College agrees that there is a need for condom dispensers to be provided in Main College and on the Trinity Street footprint, but further consideration needs to be had about where an appropriate place for this may be.

8. Matters arising from the BA society

-no matters arising

9. AOB

There is a possibility that College could provide budgeting guidance for students, perhaps in Freshers' Week, in order to better prepare students for life away from home.