

Liaison Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 5th June 2013, Old College Office

1. Matters arising from last meeting's minutes

1.1 Living Wage Campaign

The Junior Bursar confirmed that as of the 1st July 2013 all staff other than the two apprentices in college are paid at least the level defined by the "Living Wage" campaign.

1.2 Avenue Lighting

The Junior Bursar reported that Council has requested the Buildings Committee, consulting the Garden Committee, to explore a proposal for the installation of low-level lighting on the Avenue. A report should go to Council in Michaelmas Term, who will then decide whether, and if so how, to proceed.

2. Matters arising from College Council

None

3. Matters arising from the Senior Tutor

3.1 University Sports Centre

The Senior Tutor presented a number of different membership options available to students and colleges. One was that there was an agreed intercollegiate level per student paid by the college which would give the right to book a room or a court for playing sport. If students wanted to use the fitness suite on top of this they would have to pay £150 independently. Another alternative was that the college could pay £28 per student to enrol everyone at a basic level that included access to the fitness suite. This would be a significant cost to the college and there was some concern that as 400 people currently pay £21 a year for the college gym, if Trinity subsidised the university gym then Trinity gym could lose out on revenue. A possible compromise was that there was a single membership fee for the Trinity and university gym together, so you had to sign up for both. Trinity would pay the £28 per student for the university gym if this went ahead. However this would only be for a very basic level, i.e no swimming pool. There were some concerns that not many people would go as it was quite far away, however a BA representative said that actually it was near quite a few faculties and graduate residences.

3.2 End of exams Celebrations

The Senior Tutor reported that some colleges had been concerned about the rowdy behaviour that had been going on outside examination halls. He said that he did not believe there was a problem amongst Trinity students but said that he would send out a cautionary letter and showed it to the members of the meeting. The Junior Bursar noted that there had been no complaints about Trinity students regarding Suicide Sunday.

4. Matters arising from the Junior Bursar

4.1. New Court Update

The Junior Bursar reported that tenders were significantly higher than predicted, although it was not immediately obvious why. This meant that no work on New Court will start over the Long Vacation but may begin in the coming academic year. This will have implications on the occupation of New Court, and a decision will be made soon about this. Also as a consequence overseas storage can stay in the Brewhouse for this Long Vacation.

4.2. End of year Security

The Junior Bursar reiterated that the end of term is a time when the College is particularly vulnerable to petty theft, as many people, such as parents, friends, etc who are not members of the college are coming and going, often with bags and other items, and students often leave their doors unlocked whilst moving out. He stated that people must be careful not to leave their items unattended or their doors unlocked.

4.3. Rent charges for 2013-14

The Junior Bursar said that he would propose to Council a 4% for student rooms, and a higher rate of increase for public and guest rooms.

4.4 British Heart Foundation Recycling

Bags will be made available for students in the last week of term for students to donate clothing in the clothes banks that have been installed around college.

5. Dean's Business

None

6. Steward's Business

6.1 Increase in prices

The Steward proposed to increase servery prices in line with retail food inflation (8-10%) and the Kitchen Fixed Charge at roughly 2-4%.

6.2 The Bar

The Steward reported that the bar was continuing to lose money and suggested that it might have to shut in the day time. TCSU enquired about the possibility of setting up a bar committee. The Steward indicated that if they wished to do so they were welcome to and he would be happy to provide them with figures. However, it should be a TCSU committee, and any proposals coming from it would have to be cost neutral as the bar had been renovated relatively recently to no financial avail.

6. Matters arising from TCSU

None

7. Matters arising from the BA society

None

8. AOB

None