

Liaison Committee Minutes

Wednesday 6th June, 2pm, Old College Office

Attendance:

Professor Worster, Senior Tutor
Dr Pullen, Junior Bursar
Professor Gray, Dean of College
Professor Hilton, Steward
Dr Lyndsay Coo, Fellow
Dr Dmitri Levitin, Fellow
BA Society President
BA Society Treasurer
BA Society Secretary
TCSU President

Apologies:

Alice Goodman, Chaplain
Mr Landman
Dr Haigh, Senior Treasurer of TCSU
Dr Fitzgerald
Josh Mills, TCSU Vice-President
Laura Keys, TCSU Secretary

1. Matters arising from last meeting's minutes

Minutes of last meeting accepted.

2. Matters arising from College Council

No matters arising from College Council.

3. Matters arising from the Junior Bursar

3.1 Rent Levels for next academic year

Due to rising utility costs and general inflation, the Junior Bursar proposes that rents for next year increase by around 7.5%, with College still subsidising a large amount of students' accommodation costs. At an average of £94.10 per week this should still leave Trinity with below average rent levels compared to other colleges.

3.2 Refurbishment of New Court: update following College Meeting on 7th June

The most recent meeting indicates that the majority of the fellowship are willing to go ahead with the New Court refurbishment plans, but the decision now lies with College Council. Some fellows have suggested that there should be some ensuite rooms provided with an eye to future students' wishes.

Action: BA Society and TCSU to each nominate 2 members to advise on the plans. TCSU to find out students' views on ensuite bathrooms.

3.3 Disposal of old television sets

A graduate hostels had an old television set which had simply been placed in an understair cupboard, thereby causing problems with fire regulations. Students should contact Celia Sharpe to discuss disposal of any large "unowned" items of this sort.

3.4 City Council events in public spaces

The Council has written to all colleges reminding them that behaviour such as that on Jesus Green on Caesarian Sunday is unacceptable and will be treated as anti-social behaviour, so students should be careful, although Trinity's record is a good one generally.

4. Steward's Business

4.1 Catering Prices

Trinity has fallen some way behind St John's with its food prices, and is planning to raise food prices by 6% next year.

5. Matters arising from TCSU

5.1. Water in hall

Students have become unhappy at the continued lack of water in Hall and would like this to be fixed as soon as possible. The reason for the problem is that permission to drill through the wall is taking a long time to come through.

6. Matters arising from the BA society

7. AOB

7.1 BA Society Committee

The committee would like to thank the outgoing BA society committee for all their hard work this year and welcome the new committee.

Victoria Spence, 12th June 2011