

Liaison Committee Minutes

Wednesday 25th January 2pm, Old College Office

Present:

Professor Worster, Senior Tutor
Dr Pullen, Junior Bursar
Professor Gray, Dean
Dr Sarris, Steward
Chris Stolz, Chaplain
Dr Levitin, Fellow
Dr Coe, Fellow
Amanda Talhat, BA Society President
Steffen Loesch, BA Society Secretary
Nathalie Saurat, BA Society Liaison Officer
Vicky Spence, TCSU President
Joshua Mills, TCSU Vice-President

Apologies:

Mr Landman, Senior Bursar
Dr Fitzgerald, Adviser to Women's Studies
Laura Keys, TCSU Secretary

1. Matters arising from last meeting's minutes

1.1 Snooker table

The snooker table discussed in the last meeting has been sold to somebody else.

1.2 Feedback on briefings from Freshers' Week

1.3 Pictures of hostel rooms

Will be conducted by Bidwells, starting in the Long Vacation when the rooms are empty.

1.4 Tutorial System

The Senior Tutor met with representatives of TCSU last term to discuss matters relating to counselling and the tutorial system.

1.5 Increasing numbers at BA dinners

After the BA society met with the Steward and the Catering Manager it has been agreed that there will be extra spaces (10 + 16) at every dinner.

2. Matters arising from College Council

2.1 Peer2Peer Counselling Scheme

It was agreed that this scheme will go ahead. An email has recently been sent to students inviting volunteers.

3. Matters arising from the Junior Bursar

3.1. Student 'Switch-off' Campaign

The Junior Bursar wondered whether students would be interested in becoming involved in this scheme which should be student-led. The 'Switch-Off' campaign is looking for a number of colleges to sign up. TCSU indicated that in principle they would be willing to be involved. Further discussion should be with the TCSU Environment Officer.

3.2. Cycling: security and safety

The Junior Bursar directed attention towards the section on the Trinity website that details traffic and cycling laws and information which had been added following discussion at the last meeting.

It was discussed whether the bicycle stands could be arranged in a different way to allow more secure locking to prevent theft.

3.3. New Court refurbishment: update

The vote at the College Meeting had been overwhelmingly in favour, but the meeting was inquorate. College Council had agreed that planning will continue but asked that a small sub-group be set up to overlook the technical design. It will not be possible to do the works which are required within the Long Vacation because of additional complications in maintaining services to other parts of the college. The plan is now to go ahead with those works during the Long Vac; the Accommodation Office to keep staircases L, M and N off the room ballot as a contingency so that nobody will have to move during the academic year.

3.4. Wessex Place

This former residential care home has been purchased and planning for the works is well advanced by Bidwells. It should be ready for occupation by coming academic year. The University IT network runs as far as the property owned by Magdalene at the other end of the street, thus a nearby connection to the university network for these new rooms should be straightforward.

3.5. Adrian and Butler Houses Burrell's Field: Refurbishment

There is a potential plan to refurbish these buildings. The plans are currently in an early stage, but the works would not be as major as are envisaged in New Court although they would introduce en-suite facilities to all rooms.

3.6. TCSU Changeover Party: request for Photo Booth

The Junior Bursar perceived no problem with this request.

3.7. Tony Weir

Major function on Saturday 18th February – there will be no dinner served in hall.

4. Dean's Business

No matters arising.

5. Steward's Business

5.1 Tony Weir

The Steward noted that it is usually necessary avoid booking out the hall. Possible other representation was discussed.

6. Matters arising from TCSU

6.1. Peer2Peer Counselling Scheme

Discussed above.

6.2. Living Wage Campaign

Freedom of Information Request already received by Senior Bursar. Nobody employed by Trinity whose salary would fall below the minimum legal salary.

6.3. Thanks to the Liaison Committee

Vicky thanked the Liaison Committee for their co-operation and hard work throughout the year.

7. Matters arising from the BA society

No matters arising.

8. AOB

8.1 Student representation in disciplinary cases.

This system was reviewed last term and some changes were made in ordinance. Whereas it used to say that a Tutor or senior member of College (with permission of the Vice-Master) this is now automatically agreed to. Also extends representation to the CUSU Student Advisor as well.

The Senior Tutor thanked the representatives of TCSU for their constructive engagement and support for College activities.