

## **Liaison Committee Minutes**

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2013, Deighton Room

### **1. Matters arising from last meeting's minutes**

Minutes of last meeting accepted.

### **2. Matters arising from College Council**

#### **2.1 End of term exam celebrations**

The Senior Tutor said that end of term exam celebrations had come up in a meeting of the Senior Tutor committee, and that the university proctors were concerned. He asked TCSU to offer advice on how to approach the matter, and to find out what students' perceptions of the issue were. The Senior Tutor said that he didn't want to dampen spirits but was concerned about the effects on the members of the public. Last year three Trinity students were involved in incidents and were fined. Exactly what is allowed is hard to define and students should use their own discretion and be aware of other people.

### **3. Matters arising from the Junior Bursar**

#### **3.1 No smoking in the Wolfson Building**

There has been a proposal made for the Wolfson Building to become a no-smoking area because windows in the rooms cannot be opened very widely, and thus smoke escape easily, if someone has been smoking. From next year onwards prospective first years will be asked to say if they want a smoking or non-smoking room. The Senior Tutor asked if there should be a broader discussion about the issue and said that council would be interested in students' views on the matter. It is likely that the refurbished New Court rooms will also be no-smoking.

#### **3.2 Punt Staithe**

Trees and fencing around the bank needs to be taken down, and these will be replaced with the replanting of new trees once the works are completed. The work that involves putting metal sheeting in the bank will begin in January and it is hoped that this work will finish before the beginning of term.

#### **3.3 Use of TCSU JCR**

Recently a meeting was organised in the JCR involving other colleges. College would prefer if it was used only for college meetings as it represents a loss of revenue with people from outside who would otherwise have had to have paid to hire rooms. There are also security concerns as a student gave his card to someone from another college. If someone is found doing this their SALTO access on their card will be removed.

#### **3.4 College Bills**

At the start of term a new accounting system was used on the college bills which separated room charge from 'heating charge'. The 'heating charge' was a software error unconnected to the real costs of heating. The total of the two elements remained equal to the correct total room charge. The system will revert back to the old one at the start of next term.

#### **3.5 New Court**

College has decided to go ahead with a revised program and work will take place from Easter onwards, although no noisy work will happen from 14<sup>th</sup> April until the end of

exams. The major refurbishment will begin during the Long Vacation. All second year undergraduates may stay in their rooms until June, as can the graduates in E staircase. The graduates in the South Range will be offered 10<sup>th</sup> term accommodation in hostels. The works will hopefully finish by September 2015 and then the pressure on accommodation will reduce.

**4. Steward's Business**

Nothing to report.

**5. Dean's Business**

**5.1 Formal Hall tickets**

The Dean said that there was a problem with formal hall tickets being exchanged for cash. He pointed out that the tickets are not exchangeable commodities.

**6. Matters arising from TCSU**

**6.1 Overseas storage**

TCSU asked if the Brewhouse could still be used for storage over the summer, and the answer was no because of the works on New Court. Other potential areas include the WPR and the Burrell's party room, although they would have to be cleared straight away at the end of term. The Accommodation Office is on board with it and it should be sorted soon. It was also pointed out that a hardline would be taken with those who's CamSIS address is in England but who claim to live overseas. Space was limited and oversubscribed, so this measure was necessary.

**6.2 Welfare provision**

Over the summer TCSU was approached about changing the welfare provision in college to include a disabled representative on a welfare subcommittee of the TCSU committee. To do so would have the benefit of increasing visibility of the college's welfare provision, and it would keep up with other colleges who already have additional representatives on sub-committees. TCSU held an open meeting, and it was voted that the proposal would go to referendum. 25% of the student body voted, and the motions for the addition of a disabled officer and a LGBT+ officer were passed, however the motion for a women's officer was not. This is likely because many people see the position of a women's officer as being a politicised role. The Junior Bursar pointed out that this also needed to go through council, and the President of TCSU said she would send the proposal to the Senior Tutor and Senior Bursar and discuss the changes with them.

**7. Matters arising from the BA society**

**7.1 Graduate night in the College Bar**

The weekly graduate night in the bar was reported to have had a good attendance on most weeks.