

Liaison Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 29th April 2015, Old College Office

Apologies from: Michael Tehranchi, Rebecca Fitzgerald, Rory Landman

1. Matters arising from last meeting's minutes

- a) New Court pricing
The price was initially set higher than the TCSU and students found appropriate. The Junior Bursar will consider the possibility of providing a more substantial discount for New Court rooms in order to account for the on-going building work.

2. Matters arising from College Council

- a) No matters arising

3. Matters arising from the Junior Bursar

- a) Rent levels for 2015/2016
The Junior Bursar is still putting together the data on this, so it is not yet clear where rent levels will be. The College is not looking at major increases for the next year. The TCSU raised a concern that there may be some hidden inflation given that New Court rents are currently higher than they have previously been. The rent increases will be discussed further in the next Liaison Committee Meeting.
- b) Update on New Court
The expected programme for development remains unchanged.
- c) Changes to AST contracts
This is primarily a matter for the BA Society. The College is aiming to move towards tenancy agreements that would be closer in character to the license to occupy agreements in place within College. This will make the system more flexible. A draft document is being made that the BA Society can consider.

4. Matters arising from the Dean

- a) A quiet period will be in place in College between 21/5 and 21/6; there should not be any student organised parties.

5. Matters arising from the Steward

- a) No matters arising

6. Matters arising from the Senior Tutor

- a) The website
Progress is being made on updating and improving the website. The

College is looking to appoint a Communications Officer who will be able to work with the College, and the TCSU, to generate content for the website. Ideas about the website should be fed back to the Senior Tutor as soon as possible.

- b) The bar
There are some exciting designs and ideas coming in for the renovation of the Bar. The Bar updates will cost £30,000-£40,000, and the TCSU should look into putting reserves into the project. The TCSU should plan a launch in Freshers' Week 2015 in order to make the Bar a popular communal space in College. The Bar should be more than just a place for consuming alcohol; the aim is to have it as a daytime spot as well.
- c) Update on matters affecting students arising in Council
This has been covered in item 2.
- d) Caesarean Sunday
The City Council has asked colleges to encourage students not to participate. However, since Trinity students have a good record on Caesarean Sunday, it does not seem necessary to send them an email dissuading them.
- e) Integration of international students
This has been raised as a concern at the Pastoral Care Committee. International students integrate to highly variable degrees, and the College and the TCSU need to consider what can be done to improve the integration of international students. We ought to acknowledge the significant progress that has been made already by the TCSU and the BA Society in tackling this problem. Perhaps more effort could be made to allow Fellows from abroad to talk to international students. However, the issue is not unique to Trinity, or even Cambridge, and it does not have a clear solution.

7. Matters arising from TCSU

- a) Vending machine
The option of having a vending machine in Burrell's Field must be discussed with the catering department.
- b) Library
A new librarian has been appointed for September, and perhaps after this time the College could consider extending the reading room loan period.
- c) Third year Ballot
Students have raised concerns about third year students who are on a four year course being at the bottom of the ballot. As four year

undergraduate courses are a growing area, this should be looked at in more detail for the coming year.

8. Matters arising from the BA Society

- a) No matters arising