

Minutes of ECSU Lent Term Open Meeting

Held on 28 February 2010 at 4.30pm
Queen's Building Seminar Room



1. Proposed College-Wide Insurance Scheme

Luke Montague (ECSU President) explained the proposed scheme. Kim Roper (Graduates' Officer) is awaiting feedback from Downing College, who have the same scheme in place, and have heard from Jesus, who have a similar plan. Luke noted that the plan is essentially good, but that there are a few issues, such as the expense of adding cover for musical instruments.

There is a clause which states that bicycles must be locked within a shed or to an immovable structure. It was noted that College would therefore have to provide such structures in all external accommodation.

One attendee felt that the proposal should be put to a vote, since a compulsory charge would be made to all students. Others argued that a vote would be pointless, since students would be unlikely to vote or to feel strongly about the scheme. It was also noted that students are already subject to several compulsory charges, with little opposition. A show of hands of those present was not in favour of a vote. It was agreed that the scheme should be subject to Annual Review.

Luke and Kim will remain in contact with the Bursar regarding the fine details of the policy.

2. CUSU Elections

Alison Underwood (ECSU External Officer) reminded those present of the importance of voting in the forthcoming CUSU elections. There was a discussion of the candidates. It was agreed that ECSU should encourage students to read the manifestos.

3. Questions to the Exec

- The Catering Officer was asked about the progress of the plan to put water jugs in Hall. He explained that the process is underway following a successful Food Forum meeting. He is hopeful that some action will be taken this week.
- It was noted that some students are not aware of the changes to room rents for the next academic year. Members of the Exec pointed out that this information is available in the Porters' Lodge.