

Minutes of ECSU Executive Meeting Lent VII

Held on 1 March 2009 at 5pm

Old Court Museum



In attendance: Luke Montague, Jessica Waters, Zing Tsjeng, Dana Khoriaty, Harry Wyatt, Date Davies, Amélie Lavenir, Laura Parker, James Pattinson, Joe Bristow, Pete Dyson, Giulia Lindsay, Jess Thompson, Toto Reissland.

Apologies from: Rhiannon Evans, James Rees, Lucy Loong, Seb Yoe, Ben Spurgen, Zoë Plant

Absent: Tom Rodriguez-Perez

Zing chaired the meeting due to Seb's absence.

1. Recap Session

Laura reported that the welfare bags had been a great success. Some people reported not having received a bag: as every pigeon hole (with the exception of members of the exec's pigeon holes) received a bag, it is possible some people took bags from others' pigeon holes.

Dana has been looking into the issue of sanitary bins. Currently they are emptied every six weeks, whereas four weeks would be more desirable. The problem with this is the cost: College has to employ a third-party company to empty the bins due to laws on human waste disposal. This carries with it a significant cost. The other issue is the number of bins, as some bathrooms, particularly in out-of-college accommodation, have no sanitary bins at all.

Properties with no sanitary bins will be surveyed and the housekeeper will try and purchase more bins, providing the bursar agrees. If he does not, Dana will raise the issue with him personally.

Giulia read out her proposal for the position of International Rep. The report is included as an appendix to these minutes. The importance of self-declaring status of 'international student' was raised, as address is not always an accurate indicator of the student's situation.

Pete reported that the Battle of the Bands held on Friday was a great success. It raised around £300 for Medic to Medic and Student Community Action.

Harry reminded all members of the executive that, in order to preserve the freshness of sweets, they should ensure the sweet box lids are closed at the end of their shift.

2.CUSU Elections

In Lucy's absence, Luke read out a statement prepared by her about the CUSU elections. It emphasised the importance of the elections and that, as an incentive, CUSU are offering free entry to the members of college JCR Committees whose college's turnout is higher than 35%.

All members of the exec present signed up for a slot on the rota for the in-college voting on Wednesday 4 March. Lucy's note emphasised the importance of not leaving the ballot box unattended, in order that Emma's votes are not voided.

3.Target Schools

Due to Zoë's absence and the fact that the meeting relevant to this point had been cancelled, this issue was not raised at the meeting. It will be raised at a future date.

4.Any other business

James informed the meeting that certain external properties lack Green Wardens (specifically Blantyre and Walkworth Street/Terrace). However, due to the late time of the year, it is not necessary to find new Green Wardens for these properties. James also explained the role of Green Warden for those who were not familiar with the role.

Amélie raised the issue of a bar extension 'suggestion box' - something which Amy, as one of the Bar Managers, is happy to have. A few possible ways of suggesting themes for bar extension were suggested. In order to ensure anonymity, bar extension theme ideas can be put in Amy's pigeon hole on blank paper. Alternatively, people can speak to Amy in person.

Zing informed the meeting that the University Challenge heats will take place tonight in the bar.

The meeting closed at 17:28.

Final meeting of Lent Term: 8 March at 5pm

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