

DCSA Minutes

10 January 2008

Present

Mikhail Kibalchenko	President
Evgenia Ilyinskaya (EI)	Secretary
Sarah Hamylton (SH)	Treasurer
Simone Cooper (SC)	External
Matina Rassia (MR)	International
Tim Button (TB)	Sexuality
Raliza Stoyanova (RS)	Communications

Apologies

Caren Weinberg (CW)	Council Rep
Ali Hakimi (AHK)	Sports Rep
Sophia Davis (SD)	ENTS
Jenny Symonds (JS)	Welfare
Marla Fuchs (MF)	Women's
Samir Khan (SK)	Green
Tomas Ryan (TR)	Council Rep
John Mifsud (JM)	Punts

1. Welcome to new committee members

The committee meets every 2 weeks, currently on a Tuesday at 7.45pm in the Old Library or the upstairs seminar room. The secretary sends notice of the meeting the week before and a reminder the day before requesting agenda items to be sent to the president and apologies for absence to be sent to the secretary.

The DCSA communicates via the dcsa-exec list. If too much spam is being received on the dcsa address, the format of the email address can be changed by asking Espen.

2. CUSU withdrawal

MK gave an update on the CUSU withdrawal issue. In June 2007, DCSA requested reduction of affiliation fees from CUSU, without a satisfying reply. In September, MK contacted the new CUSU president and notified him of DCSA proposal to withdraw. In November, DCSA Exec uniformly agreed on proceeding with the withdrawal motion, and CUSU was officially notified of the decision in a letter dated 3.12.2007. The College Council has been notified of the Exec's decision.

It was noted that in accordance with CUSU constitution, the students will still have access to the welfare services of CUSU and will still retain the representation, even if the student association chooses to disaffiliate. It was also noted that many services provided

by GU overlap with those from CUSU and will be outlined on the voting webpage. The CUSU affiliation fee will in future be allocated to DCSA clubs and societies.

DCSA members have wished for an open vote on the issue. The voting will be online and take place over 3 consecutive days (January 21st-23rd); EI will be the returning officer. A week's notice for the voting will be given tonight in a whatsapp post from MK. The voting webpage will contain 'pros' and 'cons' of CUSU membership. CUSU has written the 'pros' section. The 'cons' section will be written by members of DCSA Exec.

3. Burn's night

Organised by MR. The date has been set as January 25th

4. Loan to DCBC

SH reported that DCBC received a loan from DCSA in 2005 for boat purchase. The total sum of £6000 was to be paid in annual instalments of £1200 or a minimum of £1000. No payment was received in 2006.

5. Recycling

EI raised a concern that the maintenance staff still throws away items in the recycling bins in OG. EI will notify the Green Officer.

Next meeting

Tuesday Jan 22nd 19:45