

DCSA Minutes

14 November 2007

Present

Mikhail Kibalchenko	President
Evgenia Ilyinskaya (EI)	Secretary
Sarah Hamylton (SH)	Treasurer
Caren Weinberg (CW)	Council Rep
Tomas Ryan (TR)	Council Rep
Ali Shah (AS)	ENTS
John Mifsud (JM)	Punts
Alice Hall (AH)	

Apologies

Chris Wright (CWF)	Council Rep
Ali Hakimi (AHK)	Sports Rep
Sophia Davis (SD)	ENTS
Russ Glenn (RG)	Bar chair
Jenny Symonds (JS)	Welfare

1. Punts winter storage

JM: Sent a letter to the Bursar, approved by him, to be signed by the Senior Treasurer. The constitution states that the post of Admiral can be held for a year (12 months). JM hasn't held it for a year yet. The Bursar needs to be informed of the decision of Exec to allow JM to hold the position until June.

JM: purchased a hand pump for pump water out of the punts. Need to organise with the porters about keeping the pump safe.

2. Computer support for students

Espen does not provide support for students.

CW took this to computer meeting and it was taken into consideration and will look into providing support for the students.

3. Formal hall training course

TR: It has been suggested to DCSA to organise a course in English (Cambridge) formal hall table manners. TR proposes that JS organises this course.

4. Senior treasurer

DCSA welcomes Harry Bhadeshia as DCSA senior treasurer.

5. Pre-election drinks and Budget Meeting

Thursday 15th November at 19:00.

6. Potential withdrawal of DCSA from CUSU

The Exec board uniformly agreed on withdrawal of DCSA from CUSU. The main reason is that Darwin students do not receive adequate support as graduate students from CUSU whilst the annual CUSU fees are a substantial sum (around £1400). The CUSU affiliation fee will in future be allocated to DCSA clubs and societies. It was also noted that many of the services provided by GU overlap with those from CUSU.

MK has contacted Wolfson and Claire Hall (graduate colleges) about their attitudes towards CUSU. Claire Hall will bring it up in their meeting, still awaiting reply from Wolfson.

7. Budget

SH reported that the budget claims have been sorted out, with everything well within the budget limits. Claims were evaluated on the last year's ratio between allocated and spent amounts, as some clubs did not spend all the allocated money.

CUSU and GU fees fall under the DCSA budget.

TV room budget: AS has been looking into upgrading the Sky contract, and has suggested a purchase of HD projector. Cabinets will be built and installed in the TV room for storage of equipment. Clerk of works will be contacted to see if the Maintenance staff will handle building the cabinets. £2000 is allocated to TV room, for improvements. TV room budget will be agreed on by the whole DCSA exec.

8. TV room

Chris Wright suggested that the film club and library DVD would be stored in the TV room. The concern is that the DVDs are likely to disappear.

The general agreement is to do a pilot project: install a large cabinet, and start with keeping the film club's DVDs in there. A key will be kept in the porters lodge.

9. Maintenance access to students rooms

CW: write a letter from the DCSA to the Bursar about our logged concerns. MK and TR volunteered to write the letter.

JM going to get a copy of contract from other colleges for comparison.

Next meeting

Tuesday Nov 27th 19:45